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All Things Love !

Time for the love-birds to fill the sky with song, dance and romance. February is here with a bang and so is Valentine's Day. The nip in the air, the soft breeze, the colour red spilling out of window displays, gifts and roses raise the heat this season of courting, dating and all things youthful. On cover we have the most desirable Canadian-Moroccan Bollywood star Nora Fatehi. The determined actor, dazzled by Bollywood moved in bag and baggage to tinsel town from Canada for an eventful journey towards success. The path wasn't easy but undaunted, she worked her way through a tough world and created a niche for herself. She not only awarded Bollywood dancing gravitas and respect, she became an icon of dance and live performances loved, lauded and awaited the world over! Her following on social media is immense and she is a true cultural ambassador between Bollywood, the Arab world and the Americas. Nora was also one of the judges of the Filmfare Middle East Social Night and unveiled the cover for February last month. The chirpy, talented, actress and ace dancer will now be seen in the film *Bhuj: The Pride of India,* with Ajay Devgn.

A night to remember, the Filmfare ME Social Night on January 21st, awarded the best in the social media world - Youtubers, Instagrammers, Social media stars, influencers and the like. Entries poured in from the world over and were judged by Nora Fatehi, Dubai based film maker Zenofer Fathima and Raha Moharrak, the first Arab to have climbed Mount Everest. The celebrity guests gracing the event were Amit Sadh and Kanika Kapoor. A big thank you to our sponsors and partners who made it all happen - Mai Dubai, Zee 5, Daiso, The Retreat Palm Dubai, M Gallery by Sofitel, Art of Shaving, Izil Beauty, Gold Collagen, Mr Chirag from A V Solutions, Kiko Milano and American Aesthetic Clinic and stand-up comic and actor Nitin Mirani. The event was put together by Team Filmfare ME.

This edition dedicates itself to love, desire, affection, dream destinations, romantic spots and most of all the luxurious gifts to shower on your sweetheart! We have four unique power couples who have proven to be impeccable at work and at relationships! Time to rediscover love through their unique stories and their commitment to each other

Continuing our tryst with discovering and promoting talent from social media, we had the effervescent Prajakta Koli speak to us about her life, her stint with radio jockeying and finally finding a path towards being a social media star. Also check out Aakanksha Naval-Sheyte's interview with five times Filmfare awardee, singer Kumar Sanu who is scheduled to perform in Dubai shortly with Alka Yagnik.

This season invites film shoots from India and Hollywood to the UAE. Read on to discover the films shot here in the Emirates and the ones in the pipeline. As for local talent, I spoke to Emirati film director Fadel Al Muhairi who has directed the unique animated film *Catsaway* that narrates the story of Abu Dhabi through a cat's eyes!

In the Arabic side of the magazine, Hanan al Yehia interviewed Lebanese singer Wael Assar and Emirati equine enthusiast Mohammad Al Sheikh. She also featured the love stories of couples in the Arabic film and entertainment industry – Balqees Fathi and her husband Sultan bin Abd Al Latif, Zeina Mikki and Nabil Khoury, Nicol Saba and her husband Yousef Al Khal.

Revel in the season of love my friends! Wish you all a fabulous Valentine's Day!

Manju Ramanan

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Bespoken Bliss!

Let the Cupid Strike!

It's the season of love! Yes, thanks to Valentine's Day, it's that time of the year when all words that spell mushy – read teddy bears, chocolates, red hearts, romantic dinners, special dates, indulgent gifts, love-dripping movies - find their way into conversations. And anticipating this… Dubai is well-prepped way ahead to meet all these needs beforehand… The usual sparkly-golds in malls have been topped by generous doses of the passionate reds and the perky pinks! The big screen, the small screen, and the OTT platforms of the digital space have their delectable cinematic love buffets laid out in anticipation. Restaurants and hotels too have sumptuous offers promising to make it the most memorable evening for couples.

Well, before the cynics crinkle up their noses at this topic here, let me make an honest confession. I have for a long time (say forever) belonged to the crinkly-nose brigade too. I too have sworn my fealty to the logically-driven deductions over all things romantic, especially in February. 'What's the big deal about this one day fuelled strictly by the marketing geniuses of greeting card companies!!!' And as if that wasn't enough, we now have a Galentine's Day too! A pre-celebration of love with your girl gang. However, if there's any one thing the past year has taught us, is this: 'Why not?'

We know how unpredictable things can be, how fragile lives are! And to think about it, is dedicating a day to love and your loved one… that hard for us to give in to! Sure, the point here would be why not celebrate every single day… Yes, that is true, but how many of us do? So, this season, why not give that pseudo-intellect in us a break and let that Cupid not just strike, but celebrate it too! Choose to give in to those indulgences of the heart rather than be ruled by the logic of the mind and just admit that showing love does matter.

Having said that, the dynamics of love appear to have transformed dramatically. Dating apps, number of crushes, to the use of emojis, the options, to the exposure… relationship rules of what's acceptable and not are being written and rewritten faster than one would often hope for. But as progressive as we get on fronts like these, there's a strong sway that the old-time love charms and all it entails, still holds us by! A romantic dinner, red roses, a classic movie, love-songs, a long drive… never goes out of style, right!

And if that special one in your life is not a spouse, and instead happens to be a parent, or a friend, a pet or your own self, well… what's keeping you from celebrating the day with them? So go on… indulge, pamper, celebrate, make it special, make it matter and keep the love flowing!

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Thank you Filmfare ME for awarding me the Region's Most Followed Star.
Rawan Bin Hussain

Thank you Filmfare ME for awarding me for the Funniest Video (Male) at Filmfare ME Social Night. I will keep the videos going on in 2021 as well.
Amit Tandon

Filmfare ME, I want to meet Disha Patani. It is my dream.
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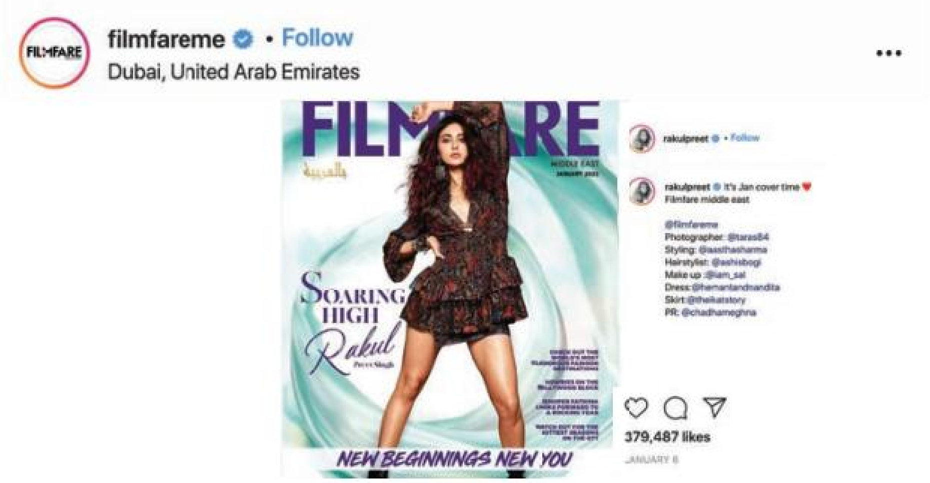

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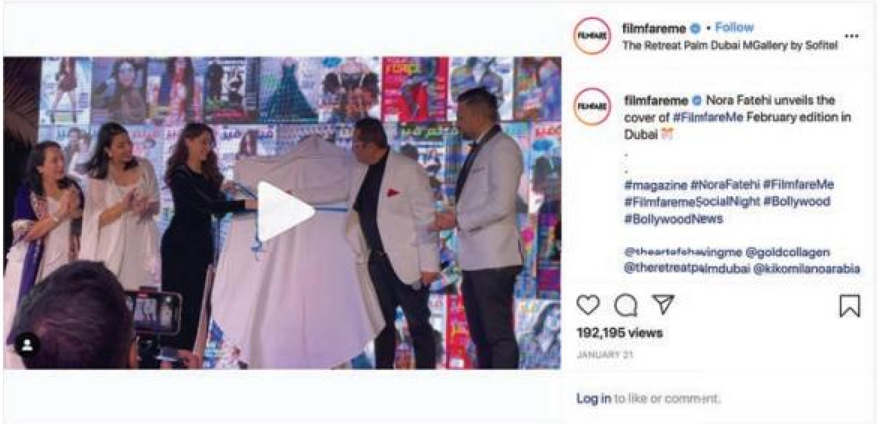

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REMIE SALLOUM

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A content creator with a Bachelor in Mass Communication and a background in media planning, Remie is a great believer that content is king, and hence she creates fun, entertaining content about subjects close to her heart such as family, fashion and makeup.

ANUM BASHIRI

@desertmannequin

Anum Bashir is a well established Dubai based consultant, designer, and influencer. She works closely with clients such as Sonam Kapoor, Sara Shakeel, and consults in the region for revered luxury brands like David Webb. She is also the co-creative director of Georgia based brand N-DUO.

ROSH

@rosh_o_rama

Offroad Junkie with a flair for modelling. Born and raised in Kuwait, currently living in Oman and Indian by passport, she calls herself a Bedouin and it's the exact feeling that keeps her going higher on the dunes.

JANNAT MIRZA

@jannatmirza_

One of the topmost TikTok stars, Jannat's dance and lip-sync videos have been a rage on the social media. Her videos have amassed her more than 12 million followers and her music video crossed 15 million views on YouTube. She's currently readying for her Lollywood debut.

AZFAR REHMAN KASHMIRI

@azfu

Model-turned-actor Azfar enjoys a huge fan following on his Instagram as he keeps followers updated about music, travelling and fashion. A self-confessed Saif Ali Khan fan, Azfar is also a well-known face on television and the film circuit.

RAMSHA KHAN

@ramshakhanofficial

A multi-talented actress and influencer, Ramsha's social media handles are an extension of her personality. From sharing her makeup routines to giving an insight into her world with captions that are very relatable, Ramsha enjoys a huge fan following.

ROUA ALMAWALLY

@roua_almawally

Roua is a fashion expert and she brings all the colours and designs together in an outstanding way. Also sharing ideas and tips with her followers to get their best look, her handle is quite a hit.

HIBA

@habooshi91

A mother, a pharmacist and a writer, Hiba is an inspiration for all Hijabi girls when it comes to fashion and lifestyle. Spreading positivity, she gives a glimpse of her daily life with her adorable baby.

RAWAN AL SADI

@rawanalsadi

Modest fashion, lifestyle and fitness – Rawan's handles are a one-stop shop for it all! From sharing tips on the right diet to helping them fix the pre and post workout meals, and from interesting fashion tips to beauty regimes, Rawan's expertise makes her a much sought-after name on the social media.

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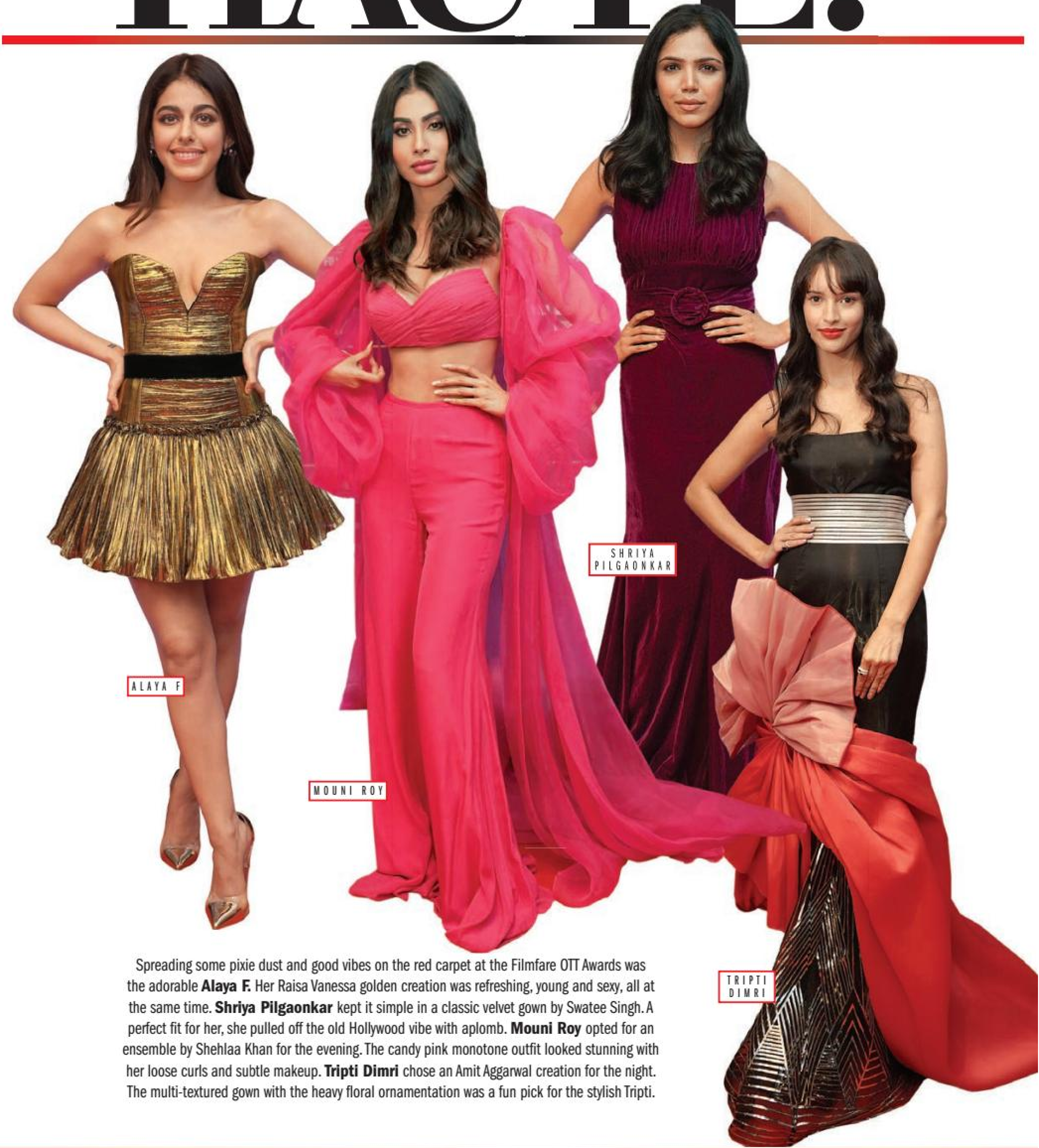
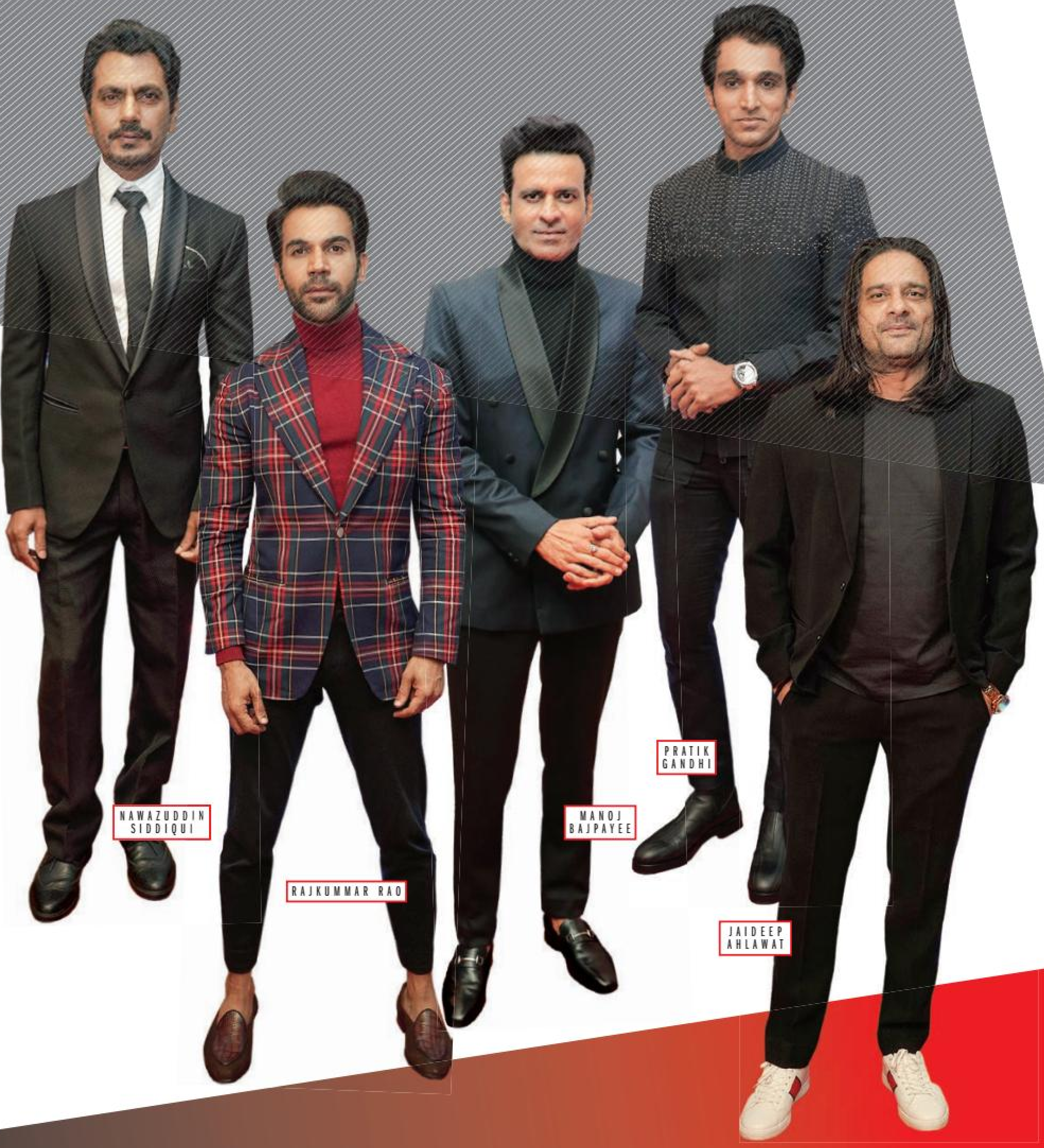
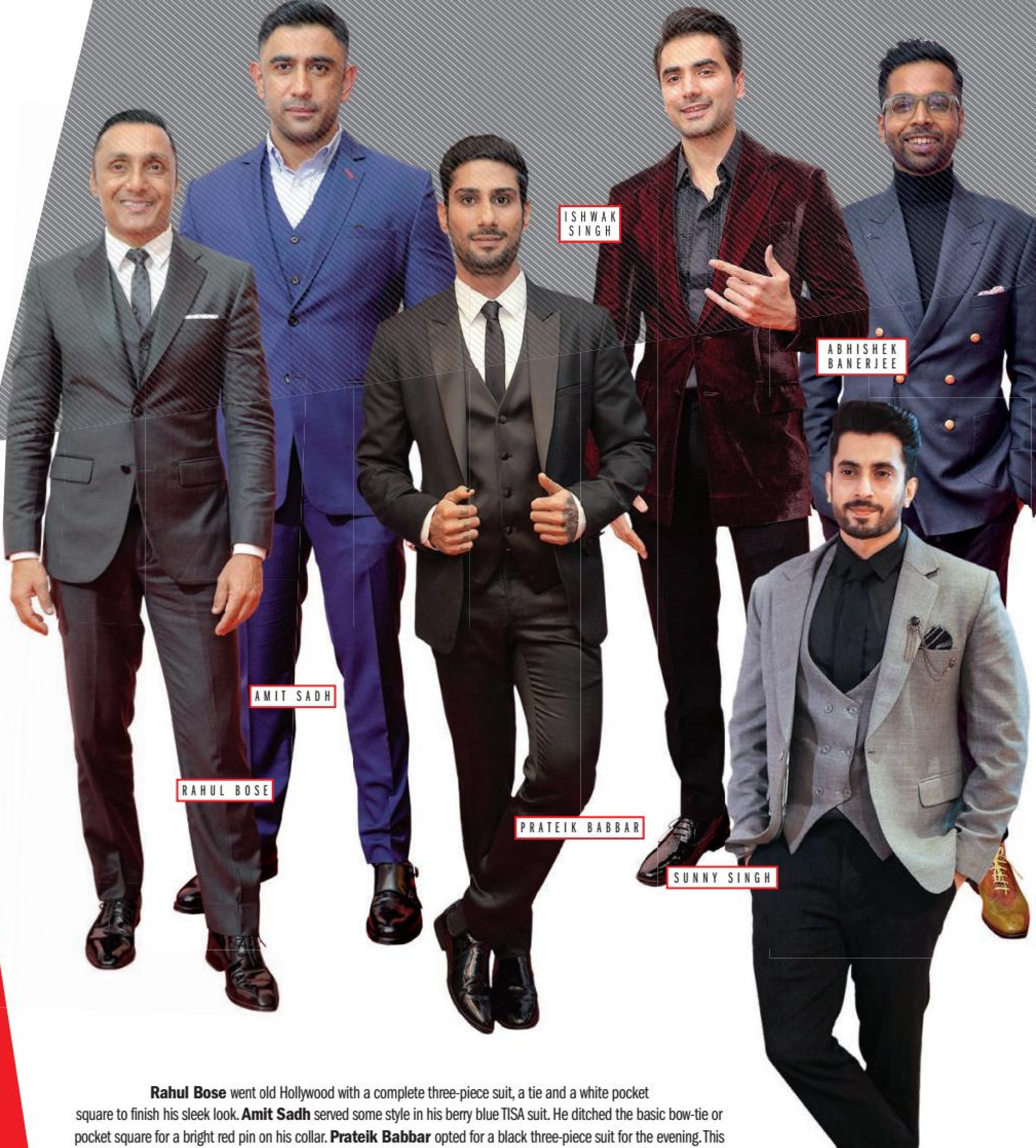


Spreading some pixie dust and good vibes on the red carpet at the Filmfare OTT Awards was the adorable **Alaya F.** Her Raisa Vanessa golden creation was refreshing, young and sexy, all at the same time. **Shriya Pilgaonkar** kept it simple in a classic velvet gown by Swatee Singh. A perfect fit for her, she pulled off the old Hollywood vibe with aplomb. **Mouni Roy** opted for an ensemble by Shehlaa Khan for the evening. The candy pink monotone outfit looked stunning with her loose curls and subtle makeup. **Tripti Dimri** chose an Amit Aggarwal creation for the night. The multi-textured gown with the heavy floral ornamentation was a fun pick for the stylish Tripti.



Plaid and perfect, **Rajkummar Rao** rocked the red carpet at the Filmfare OTT Awards in his Osman Abdul Razak creation. He stood out in a sea of classic monotone ensembles. **Nawazuddin Siddiqui** stuck to vintage classic in a black tuxedo with a crisp white shirt and sleek black tie. Working it in white sneakers, the man of the hour **Jaideep Ahlawat** walked the red carpet in an all-black ensemble. A black round neck t-shirt with a pair of black pants and a blazer. With all this and his poker-straight hair, Jaideep looked dapper indeed. **Manoj Bajpayee** too stuck to basics in a black turtleneck and matching pants with a midnight blue blazer. His well-fitted look was both classic and chic. From Dalal Street to the red carpet, **Pratik Gandhi's** charm is unmissable. He walked the red carpet in a jazzy co-ord with embellishment around the *bandhgala* and shoulder.



Rahul Bose went old Hollywood with a complete three-piece suit, a tie and a white pocket square to finish his sleek look. **Amit Sadh** served some style in his berry blue TISA suit. He ditched the basic bow-tie or pocket square for a bright red pin on his collar. **Prateik Babbar** opted for a black three-piece suit for the evening. This Rohit Gandhi and Rahul Khanna creation was a perfect example of a classic ensemble infused with a touch of modern. **Ishwak Singh** brought some pizzazz to the red carpet in a wine velvet blazer and black pants with a black shirt. This break from the classics was refreshing and made heads turn at the ceremony. **Abhishek Banerjee** stayed true to his vibe in a simple yet stylish double-breasted navy blue suit that he paired with a black turtleneck. Completing his look with tan leather shoes and a nerdy pair of glasses, Abhishek looked sharp on the red carpet. **Sunny Singh** opted for a black and grey creation by Meher Nijjaar. The camouflaged black tie, an origami pocket square and a dull silver brooch, all this added to his simple yet stylish look.

Rumours & More

Riddhima and mother Neetu Kapoor, Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor

TRAVEL TALKIES

Our A-listers were majorly tired of being cooped up inside their houses for so long and took out their angst by putting on their travelling pants during the New Year break. Ranbir Kapoor travelled to Jaipur and then Ranthambore along with girlfriend Alia Bhatt, sister Riddhima and mother Neetu Kapoor. Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone bumped into them there and a good time was had by all.

Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone

AKSHAY KUMAR TO CHARGE RS 99 CRORES FOR *BACHCHAN PANDEY*

Akshay Kumar is one of the highest-paid actors in our country. According to reports, the actor has slashed down his price for his good friend producer **Sajid Nadiadwala** because of the ongoing pandemic. The actor will now charge 99 crores for *Bachchan Pandey.* Yes, you heard that right. According to the trade circuit, Akshay Kumar charges approximately Rs 110-120 crores for a film, but for his friend Sajid Nadiadwala he is ready to give a discount. Since both Akshay Kumar and Sajid Nadiadwala believe in the number 9, they locked on Rs 99 crores which has two nines in it. *Bachchan Pandey* stars **Kriti Sanon, Jacqueline Fernandez** and **Arshad Warsi** and is directed by **Farhad Samji**. Akshay Kumar plays a dreaded gangster, who aspires to be an actor, in the film. Akshay's other films include *Sooryavanshi, Atrangi Re, Bell Bottom, Raksha Bandhan, Prithviraj, Ram Setu* and *Housefull 5.* Seems like he has a full house indeed.

AKSHAY KUMAR TO PLAY A DOUBLE ROLE IN A SCI-FI PROJECT?

We've just told you that **Akshay Kumar** has several projects in his kitty. It seems he's busier than we knew as there are reports that he might do a VFX laden sci-fi project as well. The latest reports suggest that he will soon do a sci-fi project for which he has roped in his *Mission Mangal* director **Jagan Shakti.** A source close to the development said, "After Jagan Shakti's direction of *Mission Mangal,* it was an easy choice for Akshay Kumar to rope him in as the director of this new venture. The two of them, Shakti and Kumar have established a working relationship that has paid off in the past so it made the choice of Shakti directing this new venture that much easier. Interestingly, the film that Shakti will be directing will feature Akshay Kumar in a double role. Though at the moment details of each of the roles are unavailable, it is safe to say that both roles Kumar will portray in the film are sure to keep fans grinning." Akshay in a double role sure means double the fun.

KIARA ADVANI TO STAR IN ASHUTOSH GOWARIKER'S *KARRAM KURRAM*

IT LOOKS LIKE BIOPICS ARE THE ORDER OF THE DAY. AND THE LATEST STAR TO JUMP IN ON THE BIOPIC BANDWAGON IS NONE OTHER THAN KIARA ADVANI. **SHE HAS BEEN ROPED IN AS LEAD FOR THE BIOPIC CALLED *KARRAM KURRRAM,* BASED ON THE LIVES OF THE HOUSEWIVES WHO STARTED LIJJAT PAPAD. THE FILM IS PRODUCED BY** ASHUTOSH GOWARIKER **AND WILL HAVE KIARA IN A NON-GLAMOROUS ROLE FOR THE FIRST TIME. WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THIS ONE.**

DEEPIKA PADUKONE'S SCULPTURE FEATURED AT THE ATHENS AIRPORT

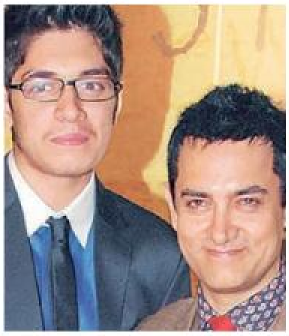
It is no secret that **Deepika Padukone** is one of the biggest stars in the world. The popularity of Deepika Padukone was evident once again when she was included in an exhibition at the Athens airport. Titled as 'The Authentic Smiles' this exhibition featured sculptures of faces of people from different parts of the world. The exhibition was a gesture on behalf of the airport to welcome tourists post the break out of COVID-19. The description under the picture of Deepika's sculpture reads, "Indian Bollywood Actress smiles at Athens International Airport. Grey Marble, 2020 A.D." Deepika does have aworld-class smile indeed and now it's been preserved for posterity.

Prabhas to unleash his dark side in *Salaar*

Production house Hombale Films of *KGF* fame made a big announcement about their next film. Even though they didn't reveal much about the upcoming project, they assured viewers it'd be the biggest film of 2021. Titled *Salaar,* the action flick is produced by **Vijay Kiragandur** and directed by ace filmmaker **Prashanth Neel,** who has helmed the KGF franchise as well. The film features superstar **Prabhas** in the lead and the actor's role is said to have shades of grey to it. Sharing his excitement about the project, Vijay Kiragandur said, "At Hombale Films, we have always aimed at providing a larger than life cinematic experience to our audiences. This is very special for us and am really happy to collaborate with Prashanth Neel and Prabhas for this. They're both so good at what they do and we can't wait to begin the shoot soon. I'm hopeful that the audiences will continue to give us the same amount of love."

SARA ALI KHAN TO SHARE THE SCREEN WITH VICKY KAUSHAL?

After **Vicky Kaushal's** and **Aditya Dhar's** successful collaboration in *URI: The Surgical Strike,* they are all set to join hands once again for a special project titled *The Immortal Ashwatthama.* The film is said to be a superhero action-adventure. If reports are to be believed then **Sara Ali Khan** has been signed to star opposite **Vicky Kaushal** in the film. The makers plan to begin rolling by October 2021. A source close to the film told a leading daily. "It will be shot over a span of 80-90 days at multiple locations in India and abroad in countries such as Greece, New Zealand, Japan, and Namibia, with plenty of time devoted to post-production as it will have a lot of visual effects for which Aditya has been collaborating with studios in the West. Sara's character has an interesting mythological arc to it. She is expected to sign within a fortnight and will start prepping from early next year."



Aamir Khan's son Junaid Khan to be launched by YRF?

Actress **Shalini Pandey,** who shot to fame post the success of **Vijay Deverakonda** starrer *Arjun Reddy* is gearing up to work in Bollywood. The actress will make her Bollywood debut with **Ranveer Singh's** *Jayeshbhai Jordaar.* She has signed a three-film deal with Yash Raj Films. According to reports, Shalini will work with Aamir Khan's son **Junaid Khan** in her second YRF film. Junaid will make his debut under YRF's banner. The film will apparently be directed by *Hichki*'s filmmaker **Siddharth P Malhotra.**

FARDEEN KHAN GEARS UP FOR HIS COMEBACK

Fardeen Khan had taken a back step from acting years back after a few of his films didn't do well at the box-office. Then, a few years back in 2016, the actor's pictures floated online which received a lot of flak from the people as he has put on weight. But the actor had claimed that he was absolutely fine and not depressed. He said he was enjoying his life and therefore a few more kilos were showing. However, it looks like the actor took it as a challenge to get back in shape during the lockdown. Fardeen was snapped visiting casting director **Mukesh Chhabra's** office recently. What's more he looked fit as a fiddle in the picture. Fardeen and his wife **Natasha Madhvani** reportedly shifted to London as the couple were having difficulty starting their family. They're proud parents of daughter **Diani** and son, **Azarius.** In one of his recent interviews, Fardeen claimed he felt like he was 30 once more and raring to make a comeback.

expert advice

DR. SANA SAJAN

Director of American Aesthetic Medical Center

BIOTIN FOR HAIR

DOES BIOTIN PREVENT HAIR LOSS?

Using biotin for hair has been common since many years due to its benefits and qualities; it is a type of B vitamin commonly used in cosmetic treatments to treat problems such as dermatitis, or weak nails and hair.

IS BIOTIN GOOD FOR HAIR GROWTH?

Biotin, also known as B7 vitamin (and formerly H vitamin), is a soluble vitamin linked to carbohydrates, fats, amino acids and purines metabolism, and that also favours blood circulation and hair growth; therefore, biotin will not just allow us to have a healthy and well nourished scalp: it will also provide strength and elasticity to our hair, making it shiny, too.

SO, WHERE CAN WE FIND IT?

Basically in foods of animal origin such as meat, fish or egg yolk; but also in vegetable products such as mushrooms, spinach, broccoli, whole grains, seeds, nuts ... If for any reason we cannot intake any of these foods, or we do not eat enough quantity, there is also the option of taking biotin tablets for hair. These biotin supplements for hair are usually sold in capsules and include other additives for hair, such as collagen or hyaluronic acid; however, due to the proliferation of this type of pills and supplements we must warn you about the risks of consuming them without the supervision of a specialist.

IS IT OK TO PUT BIOTIN IN YOUR HAIR ?

In general terms, using biotin for hair is safe in aesthetic treatments if administered in the recommended dose and under medical supervision.

WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS?

Nausea (especially during the first stages), stomach problems and diarrhoea, allergic reactions (including swelling of the face and throat, rashes on the body, etc) appearance of acne on the lower part of face and increased risk of abortion in pregnant women.
Bear in mind that just as an excess of biotin intake has its side effects, a deficiency of biotin also has consequences for our body - rashes, hallucinations, depression... - and, as scientific studies have shown, it also causes a weakening of hair, affecting hair growth and pigmentation.
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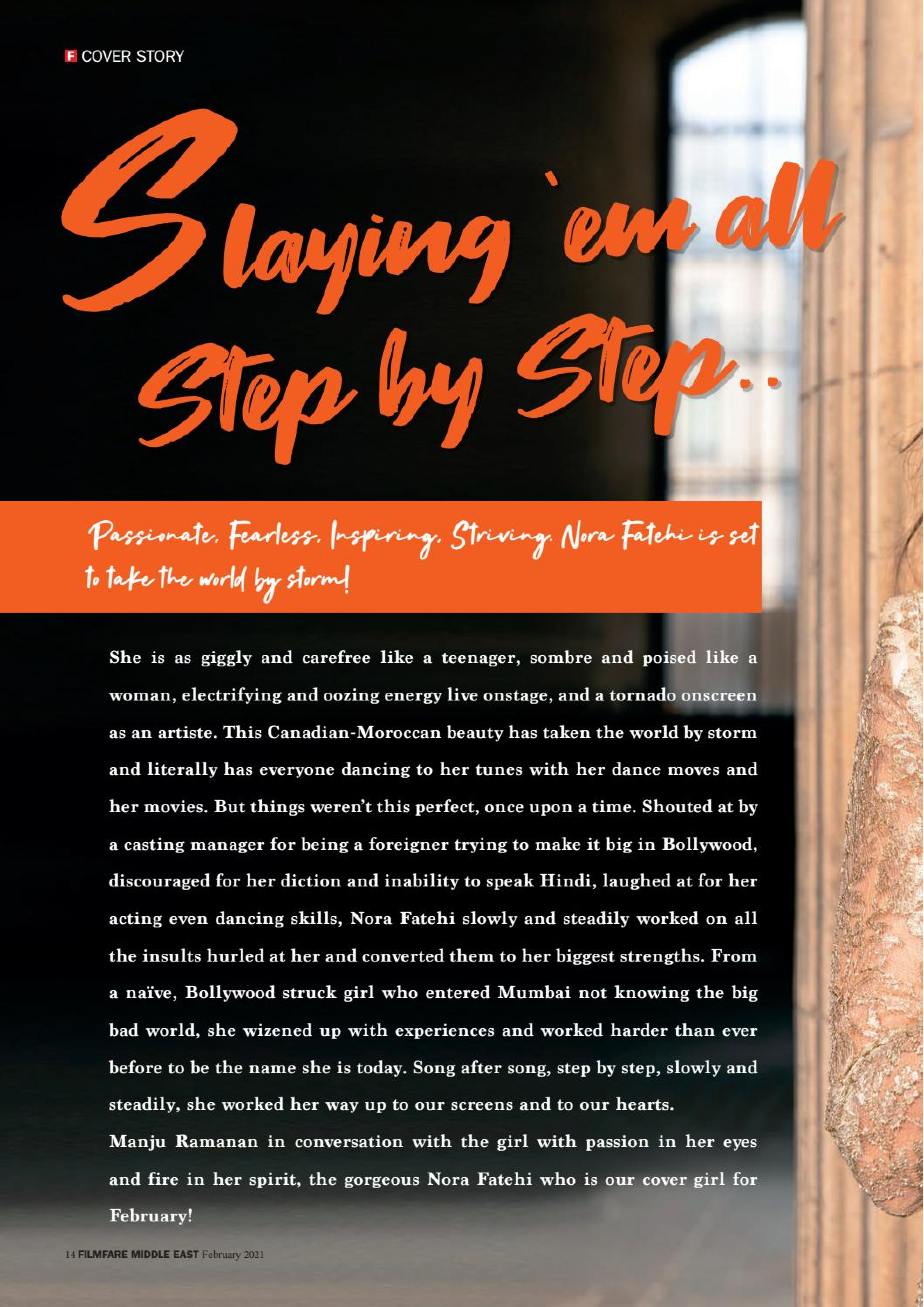

Slaying `em all Step by Step..

Passionate. Fearless. Inspiring. Striving. Nora Fatehi is set to take the world by storm!

She is as giggly and carefree like a teenager, sombre and poised like a woman, electrifying and oozing energy live onstage, and a tornado onscreen as an artiste. This Canadian-Moroccan beauty has taken the world by storm and literally has everyone dancing to her tunes with her dance moves and her movies. But things weren't this perfect, once upon a time. Shouted at by a casting manager for being a foreigner trying to make it big in Bollywood, discouraged for her diction and inability to speak Hindi, laughed at for her acting even dancing skills, Nora Fatehi slowly and steadily worked on all the insults hurled at her and converted them to her biggest strengths. From a naïve, Bollywood struck girl who entered Mumbai not knowing the big bad world, she wizened up with experiences and worked harder than ever before to be the name she is today. Song after song, step by step, slowly and steadily, she worked her way up to our screens and to our hearts.

Manju Ramanan in conversation with the girl with passion in her eyes and fire in her spirit, the gorgeous Nora Fatehi who is our cover girl for February!

Nora Fatehi

You were in Dubai recently Did you learn a new dance form?

I was not learning a new dance form in Dubai. I was there for my international shoots and interviews while simultaneously attending the Filmfare Middle East Social Night and launching my cover with the magazine.

At this point in your career as an international star, what moves you about a story?

What moves me about a story is the core of the content and its ability to have different shades of emotion! For me emotions are very very important and connecting with the audience via emotions is key!

You elevated Bollywood dance to an art form. How important was it for you to do that?

Dance has always been an art form and has been the foundation of Bollywood. I simply amplified that and reminded people about the importance of dance. Dance is a part of my identity as an artist and so it is very important for me to showcase the beauty of this talent and celebrate it with the world.

Your career in the Hindi film industry has had its own ups and downs, how did you manage the lows?

The lows are inevitable and I learned that about not only my career but about life in general too! Rejection is a part of the package and once

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an artist begins to accept the lows and the rejection during the journey then you learn to also appreciate and respect the highs during the success. The lows are very important in order to never take advantage of the high.

How did dance help you to manage the lows?
Dance will always be a way to express myself, to connect with my inner spirit and to keep my femininity and confidence intact. It constantly reminded me of what I am capable of as an artist and enhanced my ambition and passion along my journey. I had a mission and I wasn't going to let anything get in the way.

You speak Hindi so well, what is the magic rule of learning a language not your own?
The first thing is to respect and love the language. This helps you approach the learning process with a positive mindset. I was extremely driven and believed in myself no matter what the obstacles were and no matter how hard it seemed in the initial learning stages. A part of me was so excited that I was adding something new to my personality, it gave me confidence while I was trying to become a name in a country and industry which was very foreign to me. I always knew that this would find elevated respect for me within the industry and with the audience.

Does being multi-lingual help you being creative?
It definitely helps me be more creative but it also helps me become more diverse and connect more with the audience globally! It adds a relatable appeal as an artist, as not only can South Asians relate to me but so can the Middle Eastern audience, the North African audience and the Western/European audience. And that is the ultimate goal for me to grow!

All your hook steps have been copied, shared and lauded – what do you look for in your next choreography number?
In every choreography number I look for a hook step which will go down in history. I also look for the dance to have a talking point aesthetically and for my look and the vibe to also be a highlight simultaneously.

Like roles are written or actors, now songs are written and choreographed with you in mind?
I think so! Sometimes I feel that's what has been happening. It is an honour to be thought of when a song is being composed and when a song is being choreographed. It is a respect that's given to an artist which I greatly appreciate and never take for granted!

You were eight when you wanted to act, dance and sing and fought family to do what you do today. How is it today?
It is a beautiful feeling to become an inspiration for billions, to become a driving force for people globally to believe in themselves and to chase their dreams no matter what that dream is! It is all I ever wanted, was to make a mark in history and become the first to represent my identity in a globally consumed and celebrated industry like Bollywood and simultaneously branching out to the Arab entertainment world.

What are the films that your family has watched and loved?
My family has always watched most of

Shah Rukh Khan's films and Amitabh Bachchan's films. I remember growing up with them.

You are self-taught and you were once bullied. But you shut them all up. How do you feel today?
It feels amazing to be able to dream and achieve your goals through determination and passion! I get to be someone's role model today who may be going through the same thing I went through and becoming an inspiration for dreamers and believers!

Do you believe in self-love? How important is it for you?
Self-love is the most important aspect of one's personality! This is what will make one radiate confidence and positivity! Two things which are so important when you want to make your dreams come true and create an impact everywhere you go!

Tell us about your future projects – you are working with Ajay Devgn in *Bhuj. The Pride of India*
I am very excited to be acting in an intense performance oriented role in the movie *Bhuj The Pride of India*! This is a great opportunity for my fans and audience to see my acting and speaking skills! This role is very strong and impactful and I am very grateful to the team for trusting me! This should further solidify me as an all-rounder artist and performer

Humour is an over-riding factor in the content you create. How important is it for you to make people laugh?
It is one of the most important aspects of my persona! I enjoy making people laugh and I enjoy relating to my followers and fans! I live for putting a smile on their faces Not a lot of people can follow comedy and make people laugh and I feel lucky that I have that aspect to my personality!

A yesteryear song you would like choreographed on yourself?
I can't choose one! But I would say, all of Helen mam's songs!

Are you a film buff – what do you watch today?
It depends on my mood sometimes. I am a film buff! I am exploring a lot of foreign and Hindi content right now through web-series!

Do you cook, do you enjoy food?
I love to cook and to learn diffrent ways of cooking new dishes! I love cooking Moroccan food especially!

What is the menu on your cheat days?
I don't have any cheat days! I always love to eat what I want to eat, I don't restrict myself!

You also cooked with Chef Burak (Dubai's celebrity Chef) – are you a foodie?
It was really sweet of Chef Burak to invite me, it was a pleasure! I am a foodie! I love food. My dad is a professional chef himself! So we always have enjoyed food!

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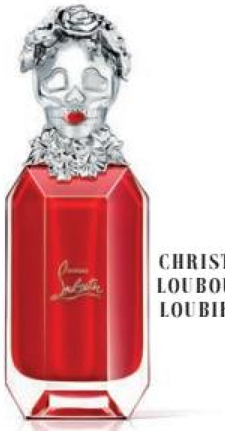

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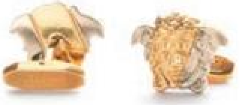

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Love at first Sight!

LONG WALKS, SNUG SUNSETS, BREATHTAKING SIGHTS AND ROMANTIC TOGETHERNESS… JUST SOME OF THE ROMANTIC ESCAPES THAT COUPLES DREAM OF. AND WITH THIS BEING THE SEASON OF LOVE, AAKANKSHA NAVAL-SHETYE CHECKS OUT SOME OF THESE MOST ROMANTIC DESTINATIONS THAT ARE BOUND TO HAVE YOUR HEART HOOKED

Paris

Undoubtedly the world's most romantic destination, it's easy to see why Paris tops every list out there. The very vibe of the city spells love and romance. Right from the Eiffel Tower that has come to symbolize every romantic couple's dream to the quaint little cafes dotting the cobbled streets, museums and the love-lock bridge, the city has the heart of artists and lovers alike.

Switzerland

Switzerland's snow-capped mountains have captivated the hearts of the dreamiest couples. A fairy-tale destination, thanks largely to Bollywood, heroes romancing sari-clad heroines here have epitomized love and mesmerized honeymooners for decades now. St Moritz to Interlaken and Lucerne… there are ample love spots with the most beautiful scenic views that set the hearts racing and moods singing.

Santorini

From the stunning beaches to the whitewashed buildings nestled on the cliffs surrounded by the sea, the Greek island offers an abundance of fun and the sun. The love-soaked sunsets are a delight to watch and it's easy to see why the islets are an obvious choice for couples from all over the world.

Maldives

A hotspot for couples - the who's who of Bollywood have been thronging the island for privacy and a relaxed vacay to remember. The stunning scenic beauty apart, the beaches and spas make for that perfect getaway that you've been looking for with your partner.

Bora Bora

One of the islands belonging to the group of the Society Islands, French Polynesia, Bora Bora requires a little patience when it comes to reaching the scenic spot, but it's worth every minute! An ideal destination for couples who crave for that quiet time surrounded by nature, it's an experience of a lifetime and for honeymooners a perfect romantic destination.

V-Day Specials!

WITH VALENTINE'S DAY FAST APPROACHING, WE GOT SOME OF THE WELL-KNOWN INFLUENCERS TO SHARE THEIR V-DAY PLANS WITH US. CHECK OUT HOW THEY'RE MAKING THEIR DAY SPECIAL

NAOMI D'SOUZA JACOB

For the newly-weds Naomi and Jake, the Valentine's this year is special. But equally special for them is the Valentine that they celebrated in 2020. The leading influencer reveals why. Naomi says, "Last year's Valentine was very special for us since it was our first Valentine as an engaged couple! We had a lot to celebrate for, thus the celebration lasted a WEEK!"

Recalling the day Naomi adds, "We started off by going kayaking at the Mangroves in Al Zorah, and then the following day we went to Skafos at Al Seef. This was followed by a date night at Pier Chic, and finally we played with Sea Lions at Atlantis over the weekend. All these places were super romantic – it had an outdoor vibe that we truly love, had delicious food, which is always very important to us, plus something unique that we don't usually do."

As for their plans this time around, Naomi shares that they hope to make it just as special and memorable! Naomi says, "This year we want to keep the kayaking going, so we're planning on visiting the Hatta Kayak, away from the crowd and hustle bustle of the city, followed by a romantic dinner. Then we'll just Netflix and Chill! Although we've visited thousands of restaurants in Dubai, we still maintain a bucket-list that we stick to! Just like 2020, Valentine 2021 is also special to us, as it's our first Valentine as husband and wife."

MOHAMMAD AL KHATEEB

Known-influencer Mohammad Al Khateeb and his wife Lisa Kar don't miss any occasion to celebrate, whether it's a birthday, anniversary or Valentine's Day. And while Mohammad says that he is not romantic at all, his wife insists that it's actually quite the contrary and that he's quite a romantic at heart.

We asked the couple about their V-day plans and they reveal that they have planned their Valentine's date in an extremely romantic and fancy way! Because they love Dubai, they have chosen a place that offers a great view, a romantic décor, beautiful flowers and an eye-catching swing. Any guesses where the couple who loves to travel and explore are going to spend their Valentine's Day? Yes, you are right. It is Ce La Vie in Downtown, Dubai.

Mohammad added that the best gift would be the unexpected gift, because what also matters the most is the surprise element that comes on the day that they both plan for each other.

NAREEMAN FAWZY

For lifestyle influencer Nareeman Fawzy and her husband Hamada, the Valentine's Day is all the more special as it is right before their wedding anniversary (February 15). And Nareeman reveals that the celebrations begin a day earlier from the Valentine's Day itself. Recalling her favourite memories, she shares that they love travelling and used to travel to celebrate these special occasions together every year before the Corona pandemic hit. "Last year we visited Azerbaijan for Valentine's Day and our anniversary and the year before that was Bali in Indonesia. And both were amazing experiences. They are beautiful places. But now we aren't travelling due to the Covid," she says.

Talking about her plans this time around, Nareeman - who is looking forward to celebrating their third anniversary this year - adds, "We will celebrate the day with a romantic beach dinner at Blue Waters and everything has been planned well ahead. So, we're very excited and looking forward to celebrating one more year of love and togetherness."

LAVINA ISRANI

Well-known influencer Lavina Israni reveals that this year she plans to celebrate Valentine's Day in a completely new way. Talking about her plans for V-Day 2021, she says, "This year for Valentine's Day, my girlfriends and I have decided to think outside the box. We have decided to ditch the cliché date night and organize a picnic instead!"

She elaborates, "The plan is to set up a cute picnic by the beach on one afternoon during the Valentine's Day weekend. We'll carry a cheeseboard, some artisan bread, and lots of dips to go with it. Not to forget, a specially curated playlist to jam to when we click pictures wearing our coordinated beach hats while the sun sets upon us. Things will be a bit different this year but I'm sure it will be a memorable one!"

Power Couples

They are super-successful individuals in their own right and as a unit, are a power to reckon with. Manju Ramanan speaks to a few power couples in Dubai on what makes them click!

Ben Samuel

FOUNDER AND CEO OF FIT ON CLICK

Neha Samuel

COO OF FIT ON CLICK

"From building a business off the ground to making sure we have enough milk in the fridge, that's just our day to day shenanigans. When we first set foot in Dubai, we had already dreamed about building a business around an idea that would help people in bringing out the best version of themselves. But companies aren't built on dreams, so we put our head down and worked like there was no tomorrow. Cut to 4 years later, we have launched an app that literally rewards people for working out. Being the co-founders of our company while also running a family can sometimes be a tricky business. But if anything this has made the both of us better at what we do, because we not only learn off each other's diverse experiences and upbringing but also we have grown to transparently communicate with ourselves in any environment - say it is professional or personal. That means no sugarcoating things, just saying things as they are. We really believe this attitude has helped us to get to where we are in both parts of our lives. Working and living side by side has also taught us about each of our shortcomings, but we are not afraid to lean on each other for support and help in bringing out the best version of ourselves.We also have this ritual where once every week in the morning we sit and brainstorm on ideas how to best improve the company, that can be anything from ideas on how to streamline the business or generate new revenue streams. All that over a cup of coffee, now this has become our example of an ideal coffee date!"

CELINA JAITLY HAAG

INDIAN ACTRESS & UN GOODWILL AMBASSADOR

PETER HAAG

HOTELIER

We commenced our journey with heartfelt love at first sight arranged by family. We met at a family get-together organised by a dear relative, Nilesh Asarpota, in Dubai and it was eat-love-pray at first sight. The aim from the beginning has been to be best friends and lovers despite all odds. We truly believe now, after 10 years of magnificent marriage, that a power couple recognises each other's strengths and weaknesses, respects each other's independence, and balances this with a healthy reliance and interdependence on each other.

Being called a power couple isn't a static label. You earn this title through practicing healthy behaviours and being an exceptional partner throughout. We are not lazy in love - we work very hard each and every day in overcoming life's ups and downs to be what we started out to be.
It's not easy with our high flying jobs, 3 boys, the loss of a child and parents, but we strive for the best. It's important to put small things aside and look at the grand picture in life. We prioritise each other and our three beautiful children despite our busy schedules. It's challenging at times, but we work constantly on it.

One very important policy for discussing professional matters and business at home is as follows:

Celina: I believe there should be no taboos on any topic of conversation at home, even business as long as everything is within a balance.

Peter: Even though Celina is a great listener, and we have no hard and fast rules about conversations, I prefer to keep tête-à-tête about professional matters away from home. I believe that clear boundaries encourage work infused with enthusiasm, and instill a healthy life balance in the comfort of home.

We are constantly working on building our relationship on a foundation of gratitude. Marriage is beyond what all romance novels and Romeos and Juliets died for. It is living for each other despite all odds, challenges, ups and downs.

Celina: Great marriages are partnerships. It can't be a great marriage without being a partnership. Peter has made me laugh, wiped my tears, hugged me tight, supported me, watched me succeed, seen me fail and kept me strong. My husband is a promise that I will have a friend forever but it's not a one way road - I must work on this relationship too for the rest of our lives.

Mohamed El Bahrawy

CEO AND FOUNDER OF THE EL BAHRAWY GROUP

Natalia Bahrawy

A GYMNAST AND OWNER OF THE NATALIA GYMNASTICS CLUB

He is the Saudi born Egyptian maverick with a ship-building background who is currently designing and creating floating villas (ultra-luxurious glass boat houses) and a floating hotel in the Arabian sea skirting Dubai. She is Russian and the Founder of the Natalia Gymnastics Club (with branches at Raffles International School at Burj Al Arab and Tecom). The duo met in Egypt, have been married for 15 years and have four children, two of whom are taking to rhythmic gymnastics. Mohamed who finds an equal and able partner in his wife, narrates an incident that changed his life when he came to the Emirates for the first time. The project was to build a small coffee shop and a bakery inside a mall in Sharjah. The duo checked into a hotel with their first born and the next day, reached the mall and exchanged all the money they had so that they could start work. But, on their way back to the hotel, Natalia forgot her bag with all the money in the cab. The money was never found despite police complaints.

"That evening during Fajr, I prayed to God pleading for help. I was in a foreign country with no friends and a family to look after and I had no money. Egypt was reeling under a revolution and no money could be brought out." But the prayers helped. In two weeks, a friend from Egypt turned up in Dubai to buy a property. Mohamed helped him broker a deal and won a handsome amount as commission. "I started from that money and today what you see is money earned from Dubai. I thank Natalia for what happened (laughs)". Natalia laughs at that incident stating that they were almost "homeless."

Ask them what makes them a power couple and Natalia is quick to answer, "We don't fight much because we don't speak the same language. By the time I translate what I feel into English, I say forget it! And my anger is gone." Mohamed agrees wholeheartedly! "She is the main reason I am where I am. A stable marital life helps a man create wonders at work. And she looks so beautiful and fit after 4 children," he adds. The couple vouch for love, respect, peace, work and stability that have kept them together.

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Ashok Sham Puri

CHAIRMAN, THE MGT GROUP

Manju Puri

DIRECTOR, THE MGT GROUP

Ashok Puri was with the World Bank in Nairobi when he married his best friend's first cousin Manju, who he had known for ten years. Soon, they moved to Dubai to start their business - The MGT Group that has several verticals that include trading, oil fields, pharmaceuticals, PPE, providing services to Defence authorities, etc.

Besides being hard-nosed business people, the couple retain their tenderness and love for each other. They fondly reminisce their two-year-long engagement when they exchanged hand-written letters thrice a week as an unwritten rule. Manju (an artist too) painted on each letter and in one letter to him, she painted a bride-groom riding an elephant. Soon they were married.

"We started our business from Syria and Pakistan and he travelled a lot and brought the orders and I executed them," says Manju who is a Masters degrees holder in Chemistry and admits that she learnt business from her husband. Ask them about each other's strengths and she is quick to add that he is the most charismatic person she's met, is extremely humane and a man of great integrity that people trust. He is well travelled and can deal with all nationalities owing to his vast experience and has that rare ability to take risks," she says. Ashok is all praise for his wife who he feels is the most hardworking and caring person he has seen. "Her biggest strength is her extreme sincerity, perseverance and the ability to get work done." He lauds her for her love and commitment to her staff and workers and their well-being. "In Covid times, she ensured their safety and peace of mind by calling on them every few hours," he adds.

The couple unanimously agree that their love for each other is greater than anything. "It is first about each other's welfare and well-being. If one is feeling low, the other lifts the person up. It is a unique partnership," they add. Amen to that!

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Foodilicious Date Night

WHAT'S VALENTINE'S DAY WITHOUT THAT ROMANTIC DINNER FOR TWO! AND IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO MAKE THAT SPECIAL EVENING EVEN MORE PERFECT, THEN WE HAVE JUST THE PLACES FOR YOU. HERE'S TAKING A LOOK AT THE RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS THAT HAVE SPECIAL VALENTINE'S DAY DINNERS ON OFFER

Dukes The Palm, a Royal Hideaway Hotel

Enjoy a romance-inspired dining experience as Dukes The Palm unveil their Valentine's Dining Deals and a Romantic Seaside Dinner offer for Valentine's Day. Couples can revel in a stunning view and a romantic beach-side coastal dining experience, or indulge their taste-buds at Khyber or the West 14th Steakhouse while relishing a finely crafted three-course set menu and a bottle of premium grape, as they raise a glass to cherished memories and an unforgettable evening. The menu will include a tantalizing starter, a main, and a dreamy dessert.

Khyber Valentine's Day Offer
- **Date: 14th February 2021**
- **Time: 5 pm – 11 pm**

Offer
AED 499 per couple: Including 3-course set menu and 2 glasses of welcome drinks and 1 bottle of grape

AED 699 per couple: Including 3-course set menu, 2 glasses of welcome drinks and 1 bottle of sparkling

West 14th Steakhouse Valentine's Day Offer
- **Date: 14th February 2021**
- **Time: 7 pm – 11 pm**

Offer
AED 699 per couple: Including 3-course set menu (romantic dinner) & 2 glasses of sparkling – Pool-side set up
AED 899 per couple: Including 3-course set menu (romantic dinner) & 1 bottle of sparkling – Pool-side set up

Romantic Beach Dinner Offer
- **Price: AED 1,000**
- **Time: 7 pm – 11 pm**

Offer
Intimate table set-up on Dukes The Palm's private beach, featuring a three-course set menu dinner for 2 people, including 1x bottle of grape

AIZA, The Pointe

Experience the allure, enchantment and romance of the Greek-Mediterranean cuisine and enjoy the breath-taking views of the world's largest fountain at AIZA. Make it the most romantic night of the year with the extra special, limited-edition Valentine's dishes and experience the true romance of the Cyclades.

- **Date: 14th February 2021**
- **Time: 6 pm – 12 am**

Offer

The venue will be open till 2 am. Also enjoy traditional plate smashing apart from relishing limited-edition dishes like 'Aphrodite Oysters' and 'Lover's Chocolate Fondant'. A-la-carte menu also available

The Meydan Hotel

Savour the romance and indulge in an evening of decadence paired with some dazzling views of Dubai's glittering skyline at The Meydan Hotel

Farriers Restaurant or Millennium Lounge

- **Price: AED 300 onwards per person**
- **Date: 14th February 2021**
- **Time: 7 pm – 10 pm**

Offer

AED 899 per couple: inclusive of one night stay, romantic dinner at Millenium Lounge or Farriers Restaurant with racecourse views and complimentary breakfast

The Bungalow

Why just one day, make the days leading up to the Valentine's Day just as special.The Bungalow offers a three-day line-up of seaside bites and sips for the Valentine's Day weekend from the 12th to the 14th of February

Fr:day | It's Complicated: Valentine's Edition

- **Date: 12th February 2021**
- **Time: 5 pm – 8pm**

Offer

Buy a main and get 3 free sides
Get 1 bottle of sparkling grape & two bites for just AED 250

GALENTINE'S DAY

- **When: 13th February 2021**
- **Time: 7pm to 11pm**

Offer

Free Frozé cocktails for ladies until all night

VALENTINE'S DAY

- **When: 14th February 2021**
- **Time: 5pm 'til late**

Offer

2-for-1 offer on mains & 50% off bottles of grape

THE BUNGALOW

King of Romance to serenade Dubai

The man with the golden voice, Kumar Sanu has ruled the 90s charts with his melodious songs that are forever immortalized in Bollywood's cinematic history. His love ballads are still unmatched and continue to hit an emotional chord with listeners. And now the singer will be setting the stage on fire with his sizzling romantic songs when he performs at a concert in Dubai – LIVE IN CONCERT Kumar Sanu & Alka Yagnik. Joining him on stage will be famed singer Alka Yagnik with whom he has created innumerable super-hits and much-loved hit duets.

Aakanksha Naval-Shetye caught up with Kumar Sanu and in an exclusive interview, the acclaimed singer talked about the concert and all things music

How excited are you about this LIVE concert in Dubai?
I have always enjoyed singing for the Dubai audience, as they always treat us with so much warmth, love and respect. They are extremely cheerful and they enjoy the songs a lot, so I'm very excited about performing LIVE in a concert there. Also since it's one of my favourite cities, I'm really looking forward to it.

You and Alka Yagnik*ji* share an amazing chemistry in your songs, how special is it to sing with her?
Yes, Alka*ji* and I share a tremendous chemistry on stage. She is an amazing singer and there's a lot of affection with which she sings her songs, so together we perform on stage with a lot of love. And the love that we share while singing the songs and performing on stage like the hero-heroine is what the audience also enjoys, so we do it a bit more too (laughs). And definitely Alka*ji*'s voice complements my voice really well and our duets have been such super-hits and loved by the audience that they enjoy us performing and singing LIVE even more. Especially I really love singing and performing with her.

Which of your romantic songs are your most favourite ones?
My favourites… there are many. Like *Mera Dil Bhi Kitna…* with Alka is one of my all-time favourites. And my personal is *Jab Koi Baat Bigad Jaaye and Do Dil Mil Rahe Hain*. So all the good romantic songs, I have truly enjoyed singing and I love them all. So, we're looking forward to now sharing these songs LIVE with the audience.

What's most exciting… singing LIVE or playback?
Of course LIVE singing. See, after the playback, we have to wait for months for the song to release and watch it become a hit or see how it fares. But with a LIVE audience, the response is instant. I definitely like it more.

Which actor do you think your voice was best suited to?
Yeh toh jhagda karwaega (Laughs). No, it's hard to name

one. See, I have sung for a lot of heroes, almost all of them and the voice has suited all. No one can say that my voice did not suit any hero as such, so it would be unfair to name any one. But a lot of my super-hit songs have been with Shah Rukh (Khan), his expressions are really good. Rishi Kapoor, I feel always justified my songs on screen, and there are others too… Salman Khan, Aamir Khan, and Akshay Kumar, so there are a lot of heroes and all of them have expressed and emoted beautifully. So that's never been a factor for me. When we record a song, we make ourselves the hero and sing it with full emotions. So, *hero toh hum hee hain, hum jaisa gaaenge, unko waisa hee expression dena padega hai na?* (Laughs).

What's your take on your songs being remixed?
Yes, a lot of my songs are being remixed, several of which I'm singing too, while some songs are being sung by others. So remix is not a bad trend at all. I just feel that the lyrics and composition should not be changed, though the arrangement can be worked around with. You can add to it, but don't take away anything from the original, let that original flavour stay. If the remix is being sung by the original singer, it doubles the charm for sure. Today after more than 25 years I sang *Main Toh Raste Se Jaa Raha Tha* again! To sing that again for Varun Dhawan was fun and to see that it's just as well-received as it was the first time around, when I sang for Govinda is certainly exciting.

So, who do you think does justice to your voice when it comes to remixes?
Justice! That I think only the public can do, as they can accept it or reject it. But I feel Arijit Singh, he's a versatile singer and I think he can do justice to my songs and voice. I like his songs.

What are the changes you see in the music industry over the decades?
Oh lots. Much has changed over the years. Earlier the singer was given the priority, now the priority is music. Earlier the kind of respect that a singer commanded, the kind of music that made the film a hit is not being created as much. So, it's not like there're not good songs, of course there are. But less in quantity. Back in the 90's the ratio of good songs was much higher. Today it all largely depends on the music composer than the singer. It all depends on the companies, the director, the producer and even the actors. So the interference should reduce for music to be made priority again. Also there's a lot of noise being created in the name of new sounds!

Do you think that the new generation is more dependent on technology?
Yes the technology has improved by leaps and bounds today. We've made a lot of progress there. But it's ok if the new singers depend much more on technology too. Back then, we have performed LIVE with more than 100 musicians at times and there was no auto-tune nor pitching or cut-paste, so it was tougher back then, and it's easier now. But whatever it is, even if the technology is better, at the end of the day you have to sing well. That has to be the basis.

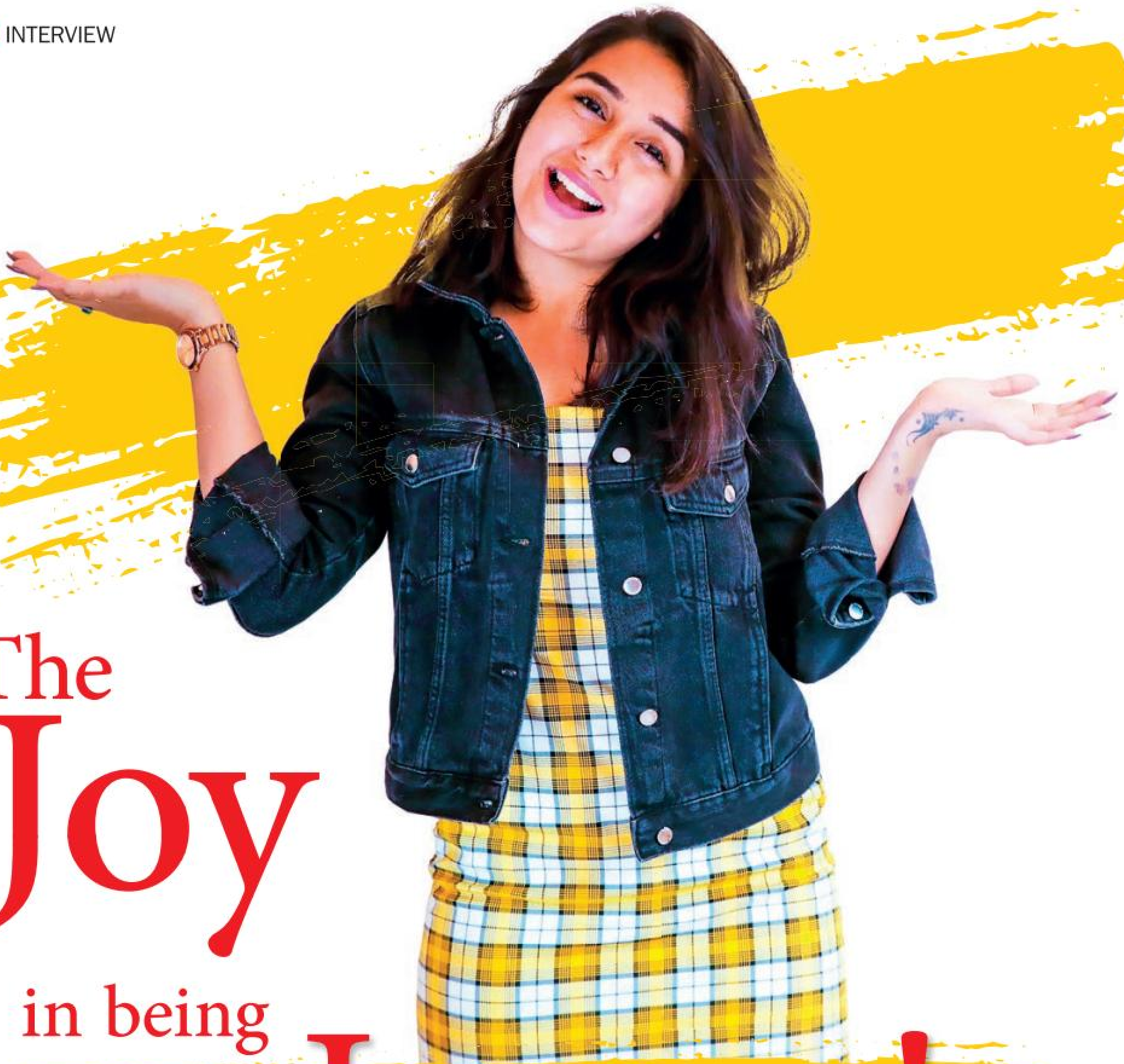
The short-term fame that various platforms provide today for aspiring singers… is that a disturbing trend?
See the short term fame and various platforms that you're talking about is definitely true. It's become easier to get famous today because you have multiple platforms. That scope has definitely increased. Back in our days, we did not have so many channels… Today there are singing shows, talent hunts, where you get that platform. So a short term fame is definitely guaranteed, but at the end of the day it's all about sustaining it and that can only happen when you have talent of a certain caliber. There's nothing disturbing about the trend. It's good to see people come and try, that's a duty to keep trying too. And if you get success then your talent deserves it. So initially there may be technology or manipulation, but you can't sustain that in the long run. In the long run only talent will see you through.

What would you advice the new singers?
All I can say is that sing from the heart and it will touch the hearts! You sing any song with passion, it will reach the people and stay with them. As for the techniques of singing, well, some are God-gifted but you do have to work and improve them. God blesses you with some qualities and some we have to improve. Also the voice modulations should be unique and you should be able to sustain it too. That is the main secret. Sing from the heart.

Is there any special fan experience you can share?
Oh yes, a lot of such fan memories and experiences. Female fans who've openly proposed marriage, to male fans writing letters in blood, fans who've named kids after me especially in West Indies, people who've made my songs a part of their love lives, yes, lots of such fan stories! But no one particular special fan as such! Fans are fans, they love you and thanks to them, their love, their blessings and thanks to you that I can reach out to them.

How do you look back on the journey so far and ahead?
My journey hasn't been an easy one… People see how famous we are and assume that we had it easy, but you never get anything easy in life and if it's easy, it doesn't stay! Even when you get fame, sustaining that and holding that love for years and decades needs true talent. You can't bluff your audience there. Your talent should have the punch. And because I am confident about my talent, I believe my journey ahead will be nice too. Lots of songs coming up. I haven't set my destination, so the journey continues. I'm enjoying each day of this journey.

> **"I miss the melody of the 90s the most. Even you'd agree that the melody of the 90s would forever remain in the hearts of the people… Even decades later, they can't be forgotten ever."**



The Joy in being Insane!

She calls herself annoyingly focused. At 16 years of age, she was preparing to be a radio jockey and pursued it with great zeal and interned at a radio station too, but, when she met her mentor, her life changed. You Tuber and influencer Prajakta Koli who goes by the name Mostly Sane, then turned her sights towards digital media and since then, there has been no looking back! Featuring in *Mismatched* , a web-series watched and lauded by many and now a Bollywood film *Jug Jug Jiyo*. Manju Ramanan catches up with the insanely talented Prajakta Koli

You play a geeky genius in *Mismatched* on Amazon Prime? How much of the character is you?

Bits and parts here and there. I look up to her focus. I was like her when I was 16-17 years old. I was annoyingly focused and determined to become an RJ. But she is '*sadu*' (serious and morose) and I smile every now and then. I admire how strong she is and that she is young and doesn't mind making mistakes. Like her I followed my dream, though I changed my dream mid-way. I started in 2015 and we have actually completed 6 years and a month now!

How did you feel when you shot your first video back in 2015? YouTube wasn't as popular then as it is now?
I was very very nervous. Every person who had an internet connection would watch this video and even if I perish in 100 years, these videos are there to stay. When that hit me, I panicked. I accepted what I was doing and was open to learning and making those mistakes. The team guided me through everything. I wasn't shy but nervous yes!

Any embarrassing moments in the initial years?
Yes yes! It was the third video or one among the first ten that I had created – on, if *Game of Thrones* was made in India. It is still the cringiest thing I have ever made. I have never been able to top that. It is a personal low for me. When I look at it today, sometimes I feel I should delete it. But I don't, because I grew through it and today we can share a laugh about it.

You aren't just about comedy. You have addressed issues be it body positivity, internet hate, girl's education and more.
It wasn't planned like that. That is my personality. It wasn't as if I designed it that way saying that now I have done comedy, let me venture into issue-based content. Be it body positivity, internet hate, homophobia, girl's education, my audience has extremely vocal and open about what they are going through and nine out of ten things they tell me, I will pick it up and talk about it. I am not the person to sit down and tell the audience what to do. I find a lot of pride in the fact that I can talk to my audience and not talk down to them. Conversations like these, I feel, do bring about a change. YouTube has been supportive to make these conversations. That is how I went to UN for the first time and took part in the girl's education campaign.

And then you met Michelle Obama!
Since I was the Indian ambassador for YouTube's global program Creators for Change, I was invited in October 2019 to feature in that year's series centered around girls' education with Michelle Obama, with American

YouTuber Liza Koshy, and South African vlogger Thembe Mahlaba of 'Pap Culture'.

Were you nervous again?
Who says no to an email from YouTube saying we want to shoot a video with Michelle Obama. (giggles) The Obama foundation empowers girl's education in a non-conventional way. I was at the Prerna Girl's School in Lucknow where I met Dr Saini, the most magnificent teacher who is innovative in her approach to girl's education. I shot in Lucknow, Liza shot in LA and Thembe in Namibia. And then we met for tea with Michelle Obama. How do you prepare to meet her? I am a queen of foot-in-the mouth dialogues and can say the strangest things when nervous but when she walked in, she gave me a warm hug. She is tall, beautiful and a hugger. Suddenly, we were just a bunch of girls talking about how education was for us when we were younger. During that one and a half hour I forgot that there were cameras rolling. The most inspiring thing about her is that she is so normal that she doesn't know that she is Michelle Obama.

How have journalists reacted to you?
I have had many friends from the journalist fraternity and we have a mutual admiration society. Yes, some of them joke around saying '*Hamaari job le lo*" (take our jobs) and then I tell then, you come onto YouTube, take my job! (Laughs)

What is insane about Mostly Sane?

> **“I have always had the hugest crush on Hrithik Roshan. I was six years old when *Kaho Na Pyaar Hai* released but I didn't meet him till I grew up and he came to the radio station where I interned. He was promoting *Bang Bang*. I was told specifically by my boss to not go near him. But when I saw him I felt I didn't care for the job, I am an intern after all and did a small video with him. Sudeep my mentor was travelling with Hrithik's entourage then, told me that I had a certain vibe about me and that I should call him. I was all happy with my picture with Hrithik and didn't bother. In a few weeks he kept insisting and I gave it a shot. It was 12th of February 2015. Then I quit my RJ stint and moved on totally to creating digital content. When we hit 100,000, my team surprised me with a visit to Hrithik Roshan.It was during *Super 30* and we shot a video with him too. My highest point was when he told me he watched and enjoyed *Mismatched!*”**

Insanity moments as a term, is very subjective. What is insane for me might be sane for you. My bar for embarrassment is very high and I don't think I have thresholds anymore. Once I was shooting a video and had to wear a star on my face and was wearing a silver body suit. I told my team I will walk from the studio to the office in the suit and I did. I even bought veggies on the way. But what I think is insane is how people are so good at math. Mathematics doesn't figure in my radar of thoughts at all and I was terrible at it in school. I was a very average student but good in extra-curricular activities such as elocutions, debates, poetry, dance, theatre and drama and teachers liked me too. But I would only score in English Hindi, Marathi and French.

Lines are blurred today between Bollywood, OTT, TV and Social media? How do you see the change?

You are right. You don't know where OTT ends and film starts. There was a clear distinction once between TV, OTT, radio and Bollywood. Today, Bollywood actors make films, are judges to TV reality shows, have their own YouTube channels as well. It is now, all about content creation, not so much about followers. Everything is a board full of content. So many times, the content is something you can bank on that is win-win for everyone. I was thrilled to bits when I got the call for *Jug Jug Jiyo*. I had already done *Khayaali Pulav* but this one had me dreamy-eyed. I just looked around the set and felt unreal!

Have you been compelled to post even if you didn't feel like it?

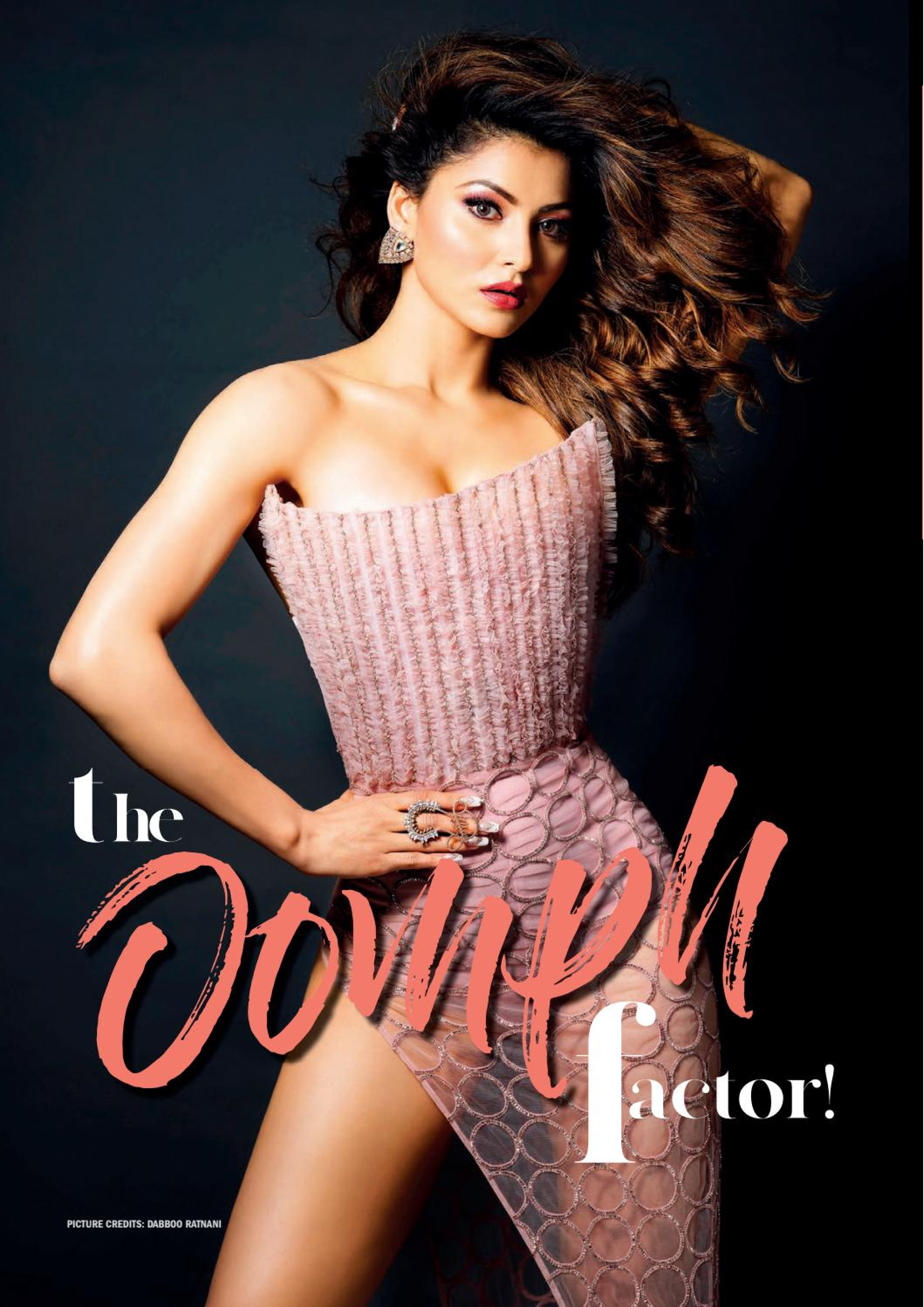
I am a little crazy with discipline and sticking to a schedule. I have gone through skipping content blocks because I didn't give myself that luxury of time. I treat it like a job. I personally think that if I have a brand delivery to do, I cannot say I am not feeling creatively charged. I get up every day, open my laptop and choose to do it. Very rarely do I not want to create a video. I love making content. It might be bad or good content, but if I break this cycle, I'll keep giving me the luxury time and again.

What should YouTubers never do?

Don't have a face on. Audiences are sharp enough to know when you are bluffing or slyly trying to sell a product. Be you!

Any memories of Dubai?

Oh yes! I also love the older part of Dubai like the Gold souk and the Spice souk.But I also love the city because I am a shoppaholic. I had just started earning and Dubai was my first ever trip abroad. I bought the sneakers - Adidas Superstars worth Rs 7000 and that was the most expensive sneakers I had owned. I actually slept with them that night. I hugged them and went to bed with them.



the Oomph factor!

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Oozing pizzazz and glamour, she has wowed audience with her stunning dance numbers and performances on the big screen. And the year ahead is only getting busier for Urvashi Rautela, who has an impressive line-up of projects, including films and music-videos. In an exclusive chat with Aakanksha Naval-Shetye, the actress talks about her upcoming films, making her singing debut, her love for romance and also reveals her wish to do more romantic fare

Actress and former beauty queen Urvashi Rautela is in Dubai when we catch up with her for a fun *tete-a-tete*. She has shot a music video here for her singing debut, wherein she has lent her vocals for the recreation of the iconic song *Ek Ladki Bheegi Bhaagi Si* from the hit classic comedy *Chalti Ka Naam Gaadi* (1958) starring the late legendary stars Kishore Kumar and Madhubala. Thrilled about getting into the shoes of the late actress, Urvashi tells us that she's excited, but confesses that she's also aware of the responsibility that comes with recreating a classic song. However this isn't the first time that the gorgeous actress is starring in a remix version. After all who can forget the hit *Kaabil* track *Haseeno Ka Deewana!* And in a fun chat, she talks about all this and more...

One more remix added to your list... You're earning the tag of the Queen of Remixes!
Well, what can I say... I am happy with my songs, people can be happy with the tags (laughs). To be honest, I did not set out with wanting to do more remixes. For me they're songs I've been convinced about and chosen from the ones offered. And thankfully, all have worked wonderfully well.

But is there an added pressure with recreating a song as iconic as *Ek Ladki Bheegi Bhaagi Si* especially since it starred Madhubala?
Definitely, getting into the shoes of a legendary star like Madhubala*ji* and recreating her legacy is not easy at all. You want to ensure that you do justice to a song that iconic. But more than the pressure, I like to think of it as an honour. Like it's a dream come true for any actress. To top it, my vocals will feature alongside Kishore Kumar*ji's* original voice, it just doesn't get bigger than that. I think I'm fortunate and very lucky to make a singing debut with a song so special. I feel truly blessed. Also Ajay (Dubai-based singer and musician Ajay Keswani) and the producers (Viral Motani, Pakkhi Hegde, Manoj Lakhiani) have handled the entire song very responsibly and ensured that no expenses are spared in the song's execution, so that boosts the excitement more than nervousness. It's a timeless song and the fact that we shot it in Dubai makes it all the more special for me.

Tell us about your experience in Dubai...
I love the city and the people here are always so welcoming. Also you can never run out of things to do while in Dubai and of course the shopping. It's a delight. I have enjoyed every minute of being here and shooting here in the Al Qudra desert. We have recreated the iconic rain scenes of the song, plus there are some wonderfully shot car sequences.

Egyptian star Mohammad Ramadan was all praises for you and he also met you recently. Any projects together?
Well, that's sweet of him. Yes, we are looking at collaborating and working together soon. He is a great actor and singer and I wish us loads of luck.

Tell us more about your plans as a singer?
It is certainly something I want to pursue more actively and explore further. As an artiste you never want to limit yourself creatively, then whether it's through acting, dancing or singing or a combination of the three.

Underneath all that glam, what is the real Urvashi Rautela like?
I'm a very simple person ya, so don't go by the glamour! As actors of course we have to be glammed up… for red carpets… for events… As public figures it's all the more important for us to look in a certain way. But these looks apart, I have a very simple approach be it in life or career.

Which is?
Just do your work to the best of your ability and with complete sincerity. There are no shortcuts. And that's also something I've always believed in and followed. So you have to just love the craft and work on bettering it. Work on yourself. When I came I enjoyed doing what I do… I enjoyed the dancing, the acting, romancing the camera and following the vision of the director. So it's all about mastering your craft and skills. Fame is a byproduct. When you love your work and are passionate about it, it shows. The intention should be honest. And the one thing that worked for me was being sincere and not just doing it for the heck of money. Sincerity and honesty go a long way here.

What is it that attracts you to a project?
A chance to be versatile! I just want to be very versatile as an artiste and that's what I would like to reflect in the kind of projects that I'm doing.

What are your upcoming projects?
I'm working on my first bilingual movie, *Black Rose*. It is based on Shakespeare's *The Merchant Of Venice* and my role is based on Shylock in the film. Then there's Neeraj Pathak's web-series *Inspector Avinash* with Randeep Hooda. Apart from these there are other projects too that will be announced soon.

Are you very romantic at heart?
Yes, I'm a very romantic person. I also want to explore more in the romantic zone and that's what I want to do more. In the future you'll see me in a lot of romantic numbers too.

An Ode to Love

Dubai-based singer Neha Pandey has once again hit the right chords with music-lovers – this time with her latest song *Yaad Aayi*. The soulful love ballad has been garnering much-acclaim for Neha who has made a departure from her usual upbeat and peppy tracks. In an exclusive chat with *Aakanksha Naval-Shetye*, the singer talks about creating this romantic number and also reveals her upcoming projects

Your most recent number *Yaad Aayi* has been garnering a great response. Tell us more about this romantic love song...
I am truly delighted to see such genuine and honest response from our 'real' fans and followers who have supported my recent number with so much love.
The song was created at a time when we were in a lockdown phase with limitations - a challenging time when managing emotions was something we all were striving towards. *Yaad Aayi* came in as this release for me to express myself. A song about remembrance of good old times, it resonated well with everyone as they revisited their memories. When I read this poem by Syedji, I decided to make something different out of a usual ghazal style - more like turning sadness into a soothing, romantic treat for listeners. The song was pretty unplanned, but things just fell into place. I feel it was destined to be heard before my other works in pipeline.

With this song you've moved towards a romantic genre as a singer...
Yes. I always wanted to do more romantic songs reflecting my hopeless romantic personality (laughs) even though I was always advised to prioritize peppy, massy numbers... But as an artiste one can't be chained to a pattern. I have done what my heart felt. Luckily people from all walks of life have loved it. And that's how I like it – for the songs to have a global appeal - as I want to cater to people across and not just limit to a geographical segment.

The song has been beautifully shot. What was the most challenging part?
The song is a labour of love and passion for me. I suggested we do an underwater sequence and Nikon (MEA team) willingly supported my every imagination. It was also the most challenging part as I've been hydrophobic. But with this I wanted to face my childhood fear and not let anything become a hindrance in realisation of my imagination. Besides time limitations while shooting underwater, there were other bits too like my outfit would get tangled, while I was to sink deeper. So ironically to sink was a challenge! I feel a true sense of achievement in the way it finally panned out.

What kind of songs do you enjoy singing the most?
Upbeat or romantic... I enjoy anything with soul and melody. Even if it is a peppy track it has to have a realistic feel that people can connect to. I am actually happy singing anything that suits me and I'm blessed with many vocal textures to enable me to do so.

What're your upcoming projects?
I have a couple of them - showcasing different styles and genres with different platforms this year. Infact, I am currently working on something very unique again and upbeat in more than one language. I don't want to be restricted to a genre.

Picture Perfect

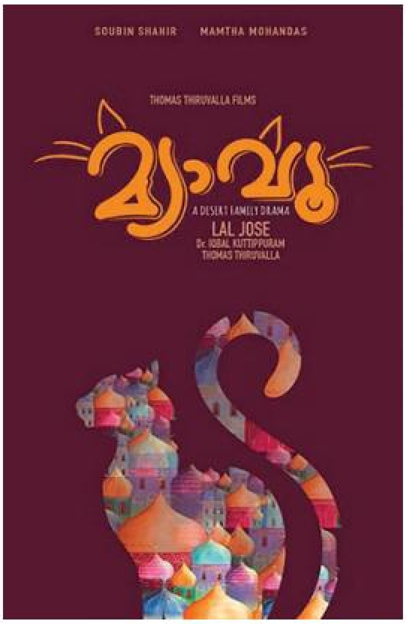
The UAE is a preferred destination for Bollywood, regional cinema as well as Hollywood film shoots. Right from RAK where *Airlift* was shot, to *A Happy New Year* that showcased the Atlantis and Dubai, to Abu Dhabi that saw the likes of *Tiger Zinda Hai* and *Dishoom* etc, various locations in Sharjah and the Northern emirates are ideal spots for films, web-series as well as TV shows. Here's what was recently shot and what is currently in plan.

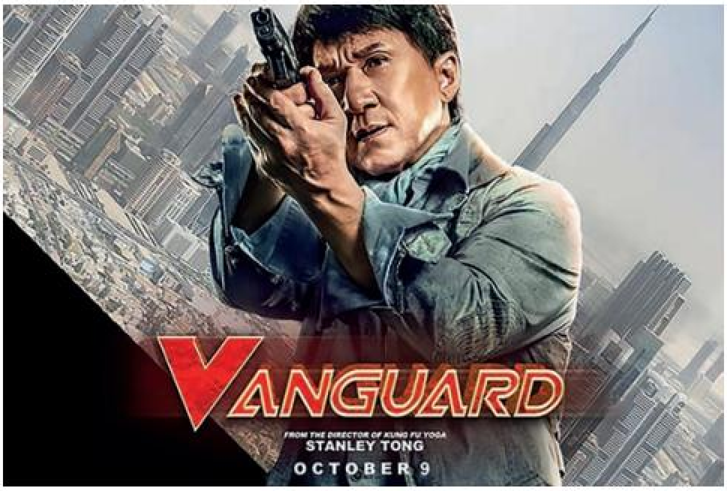
The Misfits

In 2019, award-winning actor Pierce Brosnan and the rest of the cast and crew of upcoming action-heist *The Misfits* spent a number of weeks filming on location in Abu Dhabi. The film, was set to be released in 2020, is set mostly in the Middle East and follows a master architect (played by Brosnan) who gets caught up in a major gold heist. A release date for the film is yet to be announced.

Meow

Meow is a Malayalam desert family drama movie shot in RAK and is directed by Lal Jose and scripted by Dr. Iqbal Kuttipuram. Soubin Shahir, Mamta Mohandas, Salim Kumar and Harishree Yusuf play central characters. The film also has a young Russian actress named Yasmina and is entirely filmed in the Gulf region. The film's producer is Thomas Thiruvalla and its cinematography is by Ajmal Sabu. Its music is composed by Justin Varghese ('*Njandukalude Nattil Oridavela', 'Thanneer Mathan Dinangal'*) This is the fourth screenplay by Iqbal for Laljose after the super hit films '*Arabikkatha*', 'D*iamond Necklace*' and '*Vikramadithyan'*.





Vanguard 2020

Director Stanley Tong's spy thriller, released in the UAE on October 8, 2020 was partially shot in the city where you see Jackie Chan's character Tang Huanting race against time to save a high-profile client of his security company Vanguard from a terrorist group. The businessman's daughter is also in peril, but his Vanguard team is quick to intervene. High-speed car chases through Dubai's streets, the Dubai Fountain and City Walk, are projected onto a big screen. There are also gold-plated vehicles, Dubai Police super cars and complicated martial art stunts.

Bunty Aur Babli 2

Saif Ali Khan, Siddhant Chaturvedi and Rani Mukerji shot *Bunty and Babli 2* in Abu Dhabi and the portions shot in Abu Dhabi will be treat for the eyes of audiences as per the producer Aditya Chopra. The shoot was facilitated in the emirate through Abu Dhabi's twofour54. Abu Dhabi was the choice of location for films such as *Bharat, Saaho* and *Tiger Zinda Hai.*

Pathan

It was Aditya Chopra's vision to build an espionage thriller franchise with some of India's biggest stars as RAW agents. While Salman and Hrithik Roshan have already begun their acts with the Tiger films and War respectively, director Siddharth Anand's latest venture introduces SRK in the universe. *Pathan* is being shot in Dubai at the time of going to press.

Andhadhun remake

The shooting of *Andhadhun* Telugu remake has started in Dubai with Nitin, Tamanna and Nabha Natesh. Produced by Sudhakar Reddy and Nikita Reddy, Tamannaah Bhatia will be seen playing the same character as Tabu in the Hindi version, and actor Nitin will play the role of Ayushmann Khurana, while Nabha will be seen in Radhika Apte's role.

CATSAWAY
Juice

'Cat'a loging History

Director Fadel Al Muhairi who has directed the unique animated film *Catsaway* speaks to Manju Ramanan on his fascination for cats and telling the story of Abu Dhabi through a cat's eyes!

Why did you choose to tell the story of cats and specially in Abu Dhabi? Are you a pet lover?
I chose to tell the story of cats in Abu Dhabi to illustrate the development and modernity of my beloved city Abu Dhabi, through cats' eyes. I think it's important to offer a satirical take on the city with different points of view, especially to be able to use irony and satire to unravel and playfully criticize playfully in a witty and artful fashion. Moreover, I think it adds a comic flavour to use animalisation to tell a story from a fresh perspective which translates my thoughts and creates awareness about the events happening in the city. And…I love cats!

What is unique about the Emirati story telling style?
All storytellers look for content and human stories, and in the UAE as we live in a place of unique diversity and co-existence of different nationalities, making it a hot hub for catchy and interesting story angles that can be leveraged to capture the true essence of the Emirati story. A single story or incident can be told from various points of view, which was our approach in *Catsaway*.

How did you collaborate with Image Nation?
After pitching my teaser clip and exhibiting my 3D model of *Catsaway* at Abu Dhabi Book Fair, we caught

the attention of the audience and Image Nation alike, who took interest in the film and chose it to collaborate. This partnership is in line with Image Nation's mission to support local filmmakers in creating high-quality productions with themes that are locally and universally relevant. Image Nation viewed this collaboration as a valuable opportunity to work on the first 2D animation from Abu Dhabi, and realised the involvement of the industry in the film which in turn would lead to creating more jobs for animators around Abu Dhabi. This is derived from their belief in the importance of developing this art form, and the goal to inspire and progress young animators to equip them to work on big animation projects.

The film has landmarks of Abu Dhabi like the Volcano Fountain and the Old Souq. What other known monuments can we see in it?

One vital landmark to mention is "the water tank" at Khalidiya; a unique memorial that has survived since 1965 amid a modern landscape. The place is neglected and surrounded by trees and can be viewed as a place that has plenty to tell. The giant water tank that I tend to visit whenever I get the chance to, was a stone's throw away from my childhood neighbourhood. It's quiet, serene, and eerie. One night I took a walk and I saw an exotic owl nesting there. I was intrigued when I realized that exotic birds came so close to my neighbourhood, which sparked my interest in the creatures around me which inspired the owl character we have in the film.

What is the process of creating your city in animation?

It's been a laborious and fun process that started with visual research. I've been collecting reference pictures and videos of extinct landmarks of Abu Dhabi from the National Archives, Abu Dhabi Media, and library books during the development and the script phase. After that, we planned out where the events of the story would take place; some sequences are entirely based on specific locations. Inspired by all this source material, we started building 3D models of the scene locations to help in creating and directing the animation. Abu Dhabi is as significant to the story as the characters. The city is a backdrop with a bounty of available angles and approaches.

What are the challenges that you faced?

Avoiding the typical answer which is raising funds for the film, one challenge I have faced was writing and telling the story of our street cat characters conversing in different Arabic dialects.

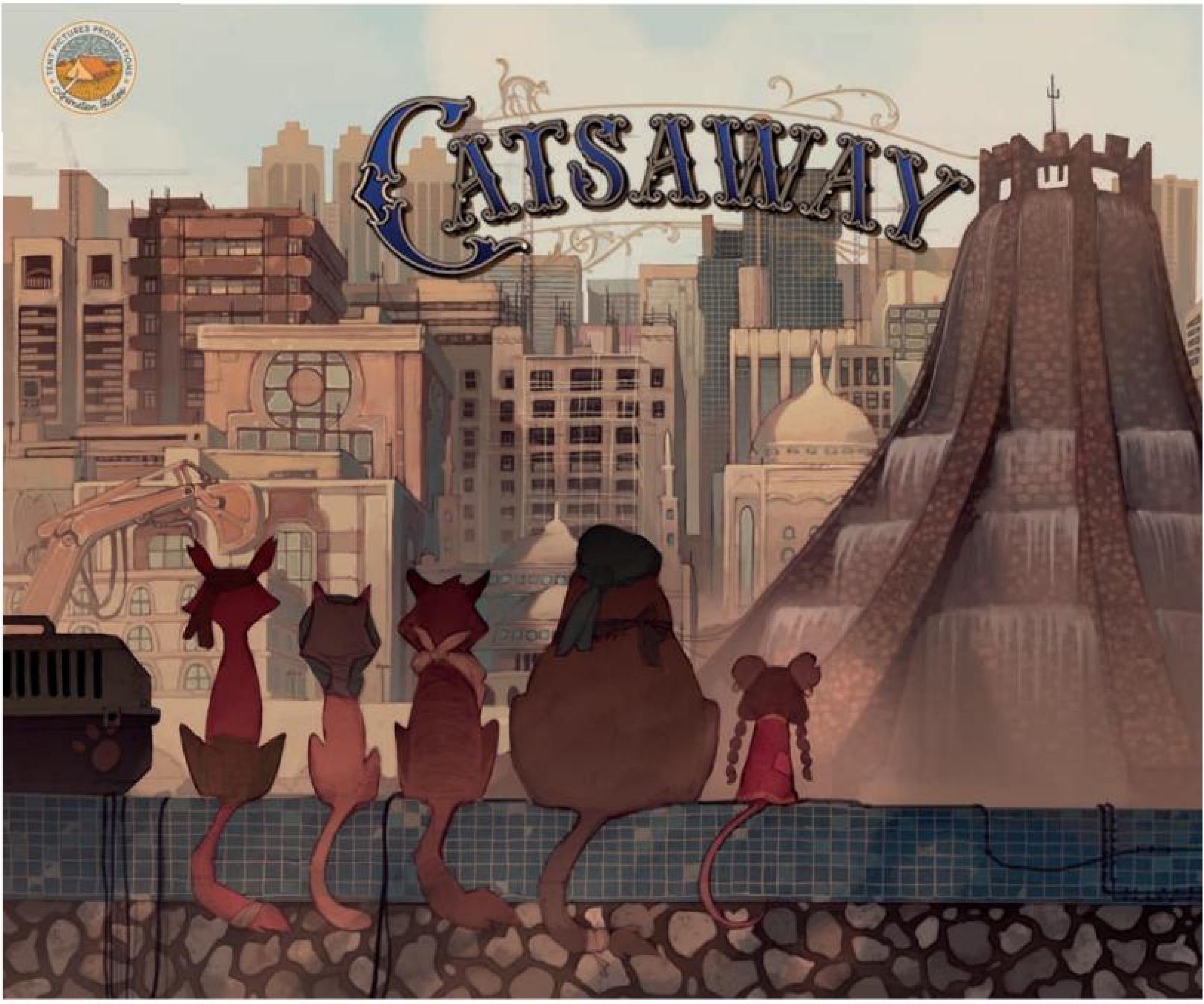
The mixing different dialects from across the MENA region in writing is challenging, from the perspective of making logical sense in conversation – not to mention making jokes.

How influenced or inspired are you by Japanese animation?

Like many people in our region, I grew up watching Japanese anime. I loved the sense of style and traditional look in the classical cartoons. Even when I'm not invested in the story, I was and still am fascinated by the details in the background and how the stories and characters were approached and designed. This had an effective approach on how I wanted to show Abu Dhabi in *Catsaway* as a character, not a backdrop.

Tell us more about your next film, which story is about a woman who is a desert scavenger?

I developed this story two years ago, as I was fascinated by the idea of "signs of the end of time". It's set in a post-pandemic wasteland in the Arabian peninsula, with society decayed and a radicalized army in control. The desert scavenger, Jomana, is a half-human, half-cyborg whose cells may hold the clue to ending the virus. Can't wait to shoot it.



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SOCIAL NIGHT

It was an evening to remember as Filmfare ME hosted the Social Night – an event that saw the celebration of some of the finest talent on the social media

From the top influencers and content creators to YouTubers and the talented TikTokers, the Social Night saw the best in the field being felicitated by some of the most renowned names in the film industry as well as achievers from different walks of life! Turning on the heat was the February cover star Nora Fatehi who unveiled the forthcoming issue of Filmfare ME along with Mr Rizwan Sajan, Founder and Chairman of the Danube Group, Mr. Adel Sajan, Dr. Sana Sajan and Mrs Sameera Sajan. 'Baby Doll' singer Kanika Kapoor was honoured as the 'Songstress of the Decade'. Also present was the OTT heartthrob Amit Sadh as a celebrity guest. Filled with glamour and exciting moments and compered by Shobana Chandramohan, the fun-filled event was organized with the Covid protocols being followed strictly. Celebrity judges Zenofer Fathima and Raha Moharrak gave away some of the awards. Also seen enjoying the do were Nitin Mirani, Riham Mahrous, Samir Arora, Chirag Sagar, Alexander Van 't Riet, Finniey Benjamin, Maha Ali, amongst several others.

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Dr. Sana Sajan with Adel Sajan

Mrs. Sameera Sajan, Dr. Sana Sajan, Mr. Rizwan Sajan and Adel Sajan with Nora Fatehi for cover launch

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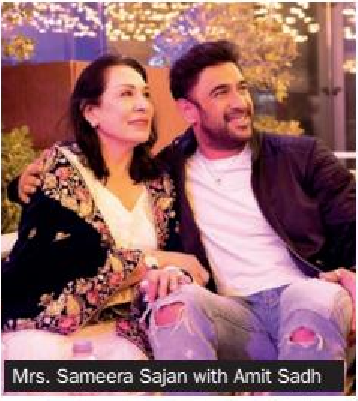
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(Judge)

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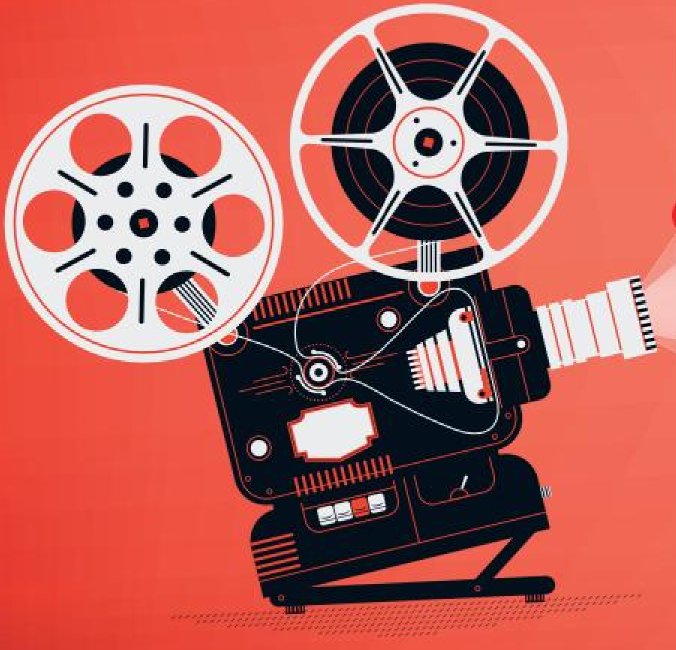
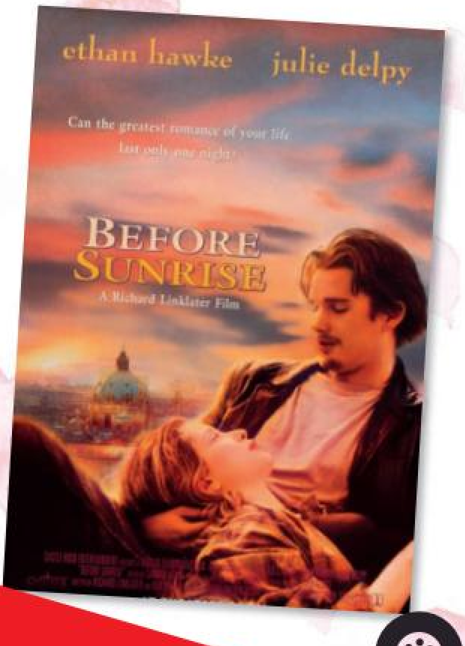


Screen LOVE!

Love is in the air and with the winter nip lending that added dose of romance to the season, what's better than catching up on some of the most romantic movies across Hollywood and Bollywood! Check out some of the movies the most die-hard romantics would swear by

Before Sunrise(1995)

The first of the Richard Linklater *Before* trilogy, it stars Julie Delpy and Ethan Hawke as two strangers who meet on a train journey and disembark in Vienna. They spend the evening and the night exploring the city and eventually fall in love with each other. A simple love story that will surely warm up your hearts.


ethan hawke
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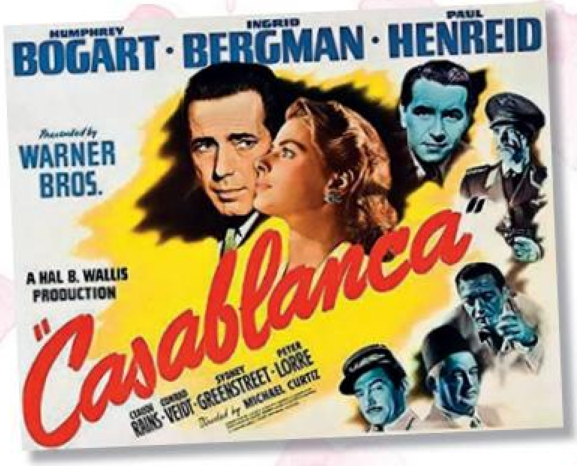
Can the greatest romance of your life last only one night?
BEFORE SUNRISE
A Richard Linklater Film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Casablanca (1942)

A timeless classic, this Michael Curtiz-directed romantic drama stars Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. The film rules high on almost every must-watch list of romantic films and the reason – the chemistry shared between the lead pair remains unmatched in cinematic history.

You've Got Mail (1998)

This Meg Ryan – Tom Hanks starrer romcom boasts of one of the best chemistry seen between the two leads. You'll see yourself rooting for the two every step of the way. Directed by Nora Ephron, the film's adorable pair make it a must-watch.

Tom Hanks
Meg Ryan
Someone you pass on the street may already be the love of your life.
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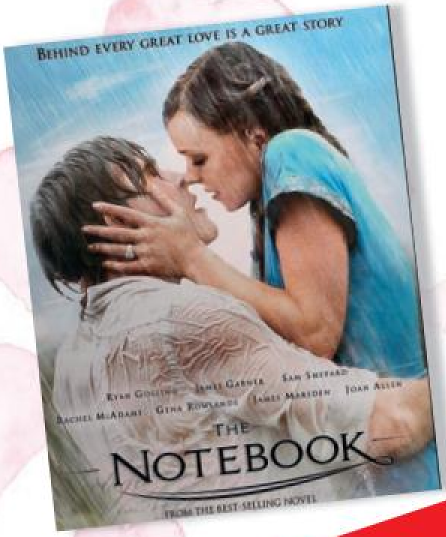
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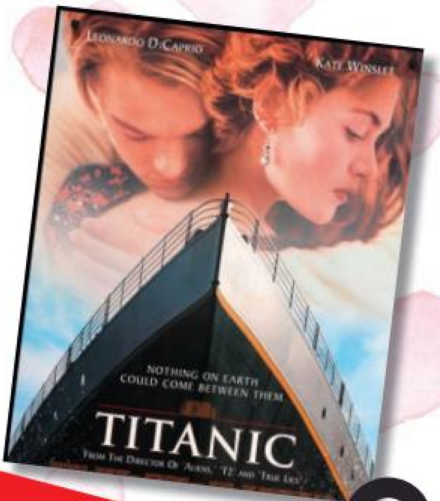
THE NOTEBOOK
FROM THE BEST-SELLING NOVEL

The Notebook (2004)

Directed by Nick Cassavetes, the romantic film stars Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams and ranks high on the romance-meter. The chemistry between Ryan and Rachel will make your hearts melt.

Titanic (1997)

No list in this genre can ever be complete without this love story between Jack and Rose. Topped with Celine Dion's rendition of *My Heart Will Go On*, the movie broke all box-office records. Directed by James Cameron and starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet, bring out the tissues for this one!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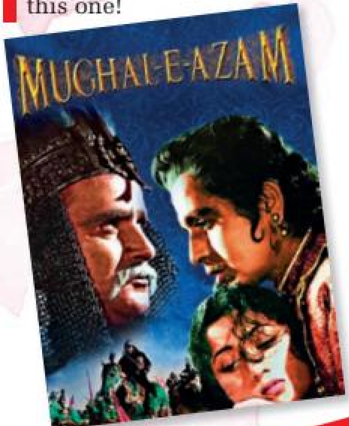
TITANIC
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF 'ALIENS,' 'T2' AND 'TRUE LIES'


MUGHAL-E-AZAM

Mughal-e-Azam (1960)

Dilip Kumar and Madhubala's iconic screen romance is at its peak in K Asif's *Mughal-e-Azam*. The film's stunning cinematography, songs to match and powerful performances multiplied it manifold making it an epic movie on all counts.

Maine Pyar Kiya (1989)

The film that announced Salman Khan's entry into stardom also ranks high among the top romantic Bollywood fare. Starring Bhagyashree opposite Salman, the film's music and fresh pairing became the film's USP.

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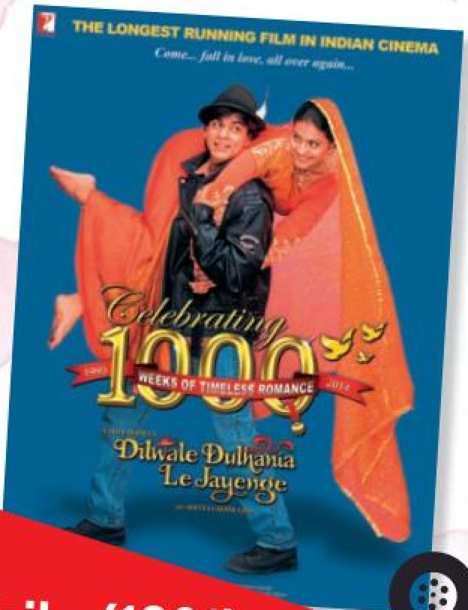
MAINE PYAR KIYA

Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (1995)

The King of Romance - Shah Rukh Khan stars opposite Kajol - in this Aditya Chopra directed film that defined romance for the new generation. From iconic songs to the unforgettable dialogues, the movie is a celebration of romance at its best.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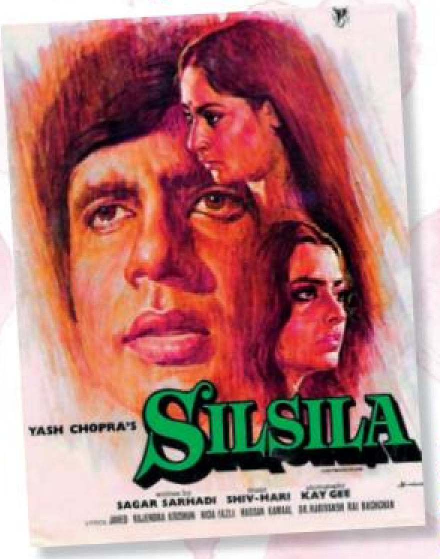
YASH CHOPRA'S
SILSILA
SAGAR SARHADI
SHIV-HARI
KAY GEE

Silsila (1981)

Yash Chopra's *Silsila* starring Amitabh Bachchan, Rekha, Jaya Bachchan and Sanjeev Kumar epitomized the screen love between Bachchan and Rekha. The song and locales, the story and the heartache… All make this a must-watch on our list.

AND ALSO…

- Gone with the Wind
- Serendipity
- HER
- Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind
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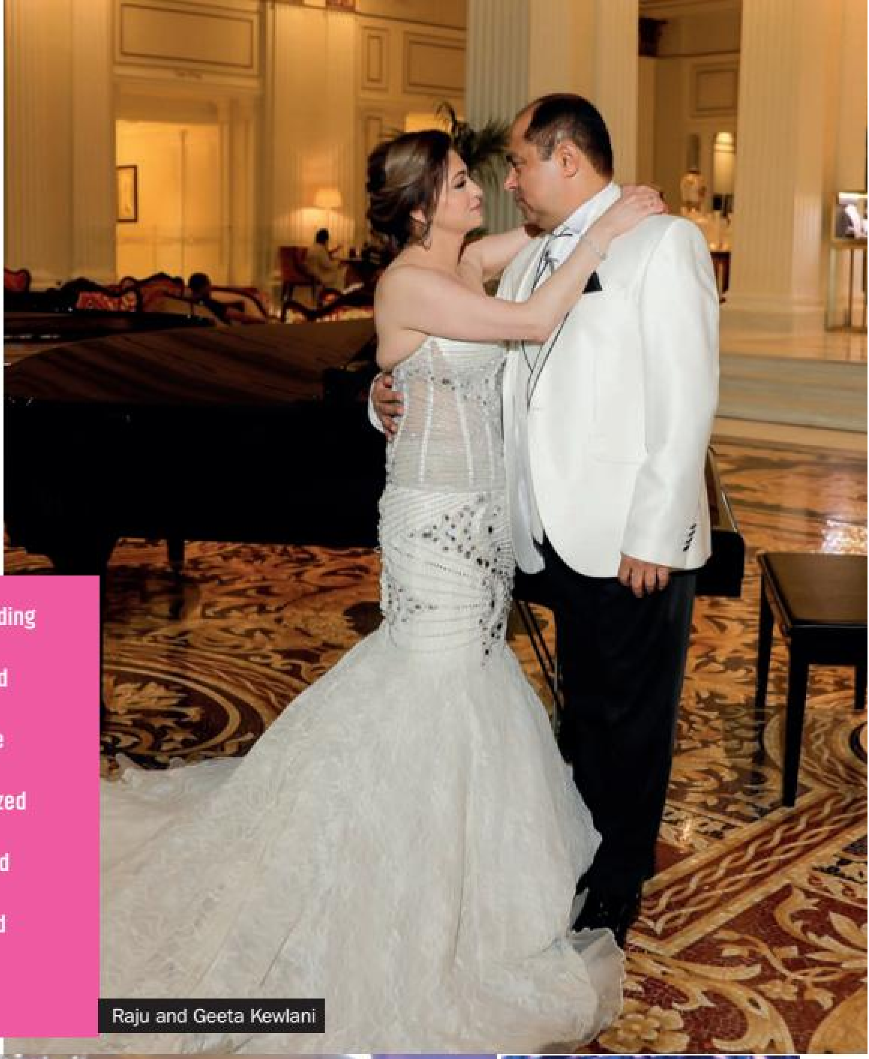
Polish-Indian business tycoon Raju Kewlani celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary in great style The week-long celebration ended in a grand finale at a known 5 star hotel in Dubai to commemorate his milestone anniversary celebration.The guest list had some of the most recognized international businessmen, accomplished government delegates and famous celebrities. Vivaah Celebrations conceptualized, planned and managed the week-long extravaganza.



Raju and Geeta Kewlani

Dimple Tahiliani, Garima Kewlani, Veronika Kewlani, Heena Tahiliani

Sakshi Kewlani, Geeta Kewlani, Sonu Kewlani and Laju Kewlani

Raghav Sachar, Raju Kewlani, Khushal Ayani

Dilip Awtani, Sonu Kewlani, Manu Kewlani, Jai Awtani and Lal Chellani

Kashish Kewlani, Heer Kewlani, Riya Kewlani, Veronika Kewlani and Garima Kewlani

Harish Tahiliani, Ishu Ramani, Kailash Sajnani, Kishore Kalwani, Suresh Kewlani, Jugal Harwani, Hiru Kalwani

زينة مكي ونبيل خوري

قصة حب بدأت من نظرة من فيديو كليب "هو الحب" للمغني أدهم نابلسي. صرحت زينة مكي في إحدى المقابلات أن حب نبيل لها بدأ منذ أن رآها في فيديو كليب "هو الحب" ثم حاول العثور عليها بحجة إخراج أغنية قام بكتابتها من أجلها. لقائهما الأول كان في مطعم قريب من مكان الانفجار، وبعد التعديلات والكثير من الإصلاحات أصرت زينة على تصوير الفيديو في نفس المكان. كما أن نبيل كتب اسم (زينة) على يده ونفس الشيء قامت به زينة.

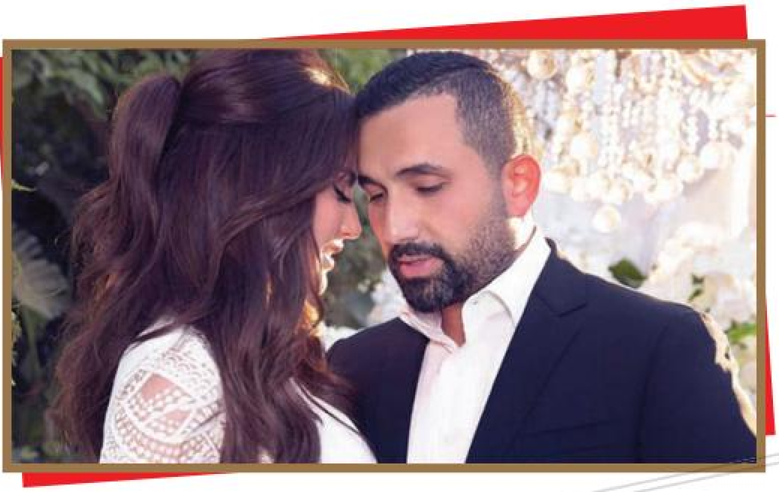
بلقيس وسلطان بن عبد اللطيف

قصة بلقيس وسلطان تُشبه الروايات بالفعل، نظراته لها لا نستطيع تفاديها وحبها له يُكتب به الأشعار. في حفل زفاف أُقيم في دبي في عام 2016. تشاركنا بلقيس الكثير من المقاطع المضحكة والممتعة والتي تعكس العلاقة الجميلة التي تجمعها مع زوجها. في إحدى المقابلات السابقة خلال فترة خطوبتهما، عندما سُأل سُلطان عن ماذا يُحب في بلقيس أكثر شيء، قال بدو تردد "كل شيء فيها".

الحب مجددًا

بينما نحتفل بالحب في شهر فبراير، نسلط الضوء على بعض أبرز الأزواج في الوسط الفني، لقصة حبهم القوية والتي أصبحت كالرواية لأحداثها وتفاصيلها. بعض مثير للجدل والآخر مثير للدهشة، ولكن بكل تأكيد معظم هذه القصص ستجعلك تنتقل لعالم آخر مليء بالحب والمشاعر. حنان يحيى ملازم في رحلة للبحث عن الأزواج الذين ذكرونا بمعنى الحب وكيف يكون.

درة زروق وهاني سعد



زواج درة زروق كان أجدد الأخبار وأكثرها جدلًا في الوسط الفني. تزوجت الفنانة التونسية من المهندس المصري هاني سعد بعد مهرجان الجونة في مصر. تألقت العروس بفستان مميز من توقيع المصمم العالمي زهير مراد. تساءل الجمهور ما إن كنت درة زروق هي الزوجة الثانية، إلا أنها أكدت أن ما يجمعه الله في الحب لا يفرقه إنسان.

نيكول سابا ويوسف الخال

قصة حب بدأت بعام 1999 واكتملت بالزواج في عام 2011. عندما سُألت نيكول عن كيف تقدم لخطبتها يوسف الخال، قالت "في إحدى الحفلات مع الأصدقاء، فاجئني بطلبه ليدي وكنت سعيدة للغاية". الوسيم جدًا يوسف الخال والرائعة نيكول سابا رُزقا بطفلة وأطلقوا عليها اسم (نيكول) كما احتفلا بعيد زواجهما التاسع منذ فترة ليس بالبعيدة.

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Felicitated by Nora Fatehi

BEAUTY QUEEN
1ST RUNNER UP
ALIYA FATIMA
Felicitated by Maha Ali (izil Beauty)

BEAUTY QUEEN
2ND RUNNER UP
ARWA BEIG
Felicitated by Maha Ali (izil Beauty)

CHANGE MAKER OF THE YEAR
SPECIAL MENTION
SAHAR SHAIKH
Felicitated by Amit Sadh

FILMFARE
MIDDLE EAST

AUDIENCE CHOICE - 2ND RUNNER UP
SAMINA MERCHANT
Felicitated by Alexander Van't Riet (Mai Dubai)

TIKTOK STAR MALE
1ST RUNNER UP

HARSH NARWANI

Felicitated by Nitin Mirani

TIKTOK STAR MALE
2ND RUNNER UP

ARSLAN ASLAM

Felicitated by Nitin Mirani

RADIO STAR
2ND RUNNER UP

DIMPLE MEHBUBANI

Felicitated by Sharmine Khan
(Sr. Business Development Manager
Filmfare ME)

FILMFARE
MIDDLE EAST

SOCIAL JODI - 2ND RUNNER UP

CELESTE HARIDAS AND EHTESHAM

Felicitated by Atif Rahman (Director, Danube Properties)

FILMFAR
MIDDL

FASHIONISTA - 1ST RUNNER UP

LEANNE EVERETT

Felicitated by Adel Sajan (Director, Danube Group)

FILMFARE
MIDDLE EAST

FUNNIEST VIDEO FEMALE - 1ST RUNNER UP

SVETLANA MISHRA

Felicitated by Raha Moharrak

FUNNIEST VIDEO MALE - 1ST RUNNER UP

SALAM QURESHI

Felicitated by Chirag Sagar (AV Solutions)

And the Runners up are

TRAVEL BUG - 1ST RUNNER UP

MAMTA SACHDEVA

Felicitated by Riham Mahrous
(Daiso Japan)

FILMFAR
MIDDLE

FITNESS FREAK - 1ST RUNNER UP

WALID YARI

Felicitated by Mariam RK (Art of Shaving)

FILMFARE
MIDDLE EAST

FOOD ADDICT - 1ST RUNNER UP

ARPITA SONI

Felicitated by Manju Ramanan
(Editor in-chief Filmfare ME)

TRAVEL BUG - 2ND RUNNER UP

FAHIMA SALWA HADAYATI

Felicitated by Riham Mahrous
(Daiso Japan)

**WELLNESS ICON
SPECIAL MENTION**

CHIKKY SIRISH

Felicitated by Samir Arora (The Retreat
Palm Dubai, M Gallery by Sofitel)

**WELLNESS ICON
1ST RUNNER UP**

SUREKHA SADANA

Felicitated by Samir Arora (The Retreat
Palm Dubai, M Gallery by Sofitel)

**FOOD ADDICT
2ND RUNNER UP**

ZAHRAH NOOR

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SOCIAL
NIGHT

ويا لها من ليلة، ليلة شهدت على تجمع أبرز نجوم مواقع التواصل الاجتماعي تحت سماء واحدة.

من أفضل المؤثرين، صُناع المحتوى، اليوتيوبرز وإلى التيك توكرز الموهوبون. ليلة الـ *Social Night* من فيلم فير الشرق الأوسط شهدت على تكريم هذه المواهب من قِبل أشهر الأسماء في المجتمع ومن مختلف المجالات. للمزيد من الحماس، الفنانة العالمية نورة فتحي انضمت إلى هذه الليلة لتُطلق غلافها لمجلة فيلم فير الشرق الأوسط عدد شهر فبراير مع السيد ريزوان ساجان، مؤسس ورئيس مجموعة دانوب. المغنية الهندية الشهيرة كانيكا كابور كانت أيضًا ضيفتنا مع الممثل المتألق لمسلسلات الويب، أميت سعد. تم إقامة هذا الحدث مع مراعاة الإجراءات الاحترازية الخاصة بفايروس كورونا. لجنة الحكام كانوا زنيفور فاطمة ورها محرق، اللواتي قدمن بدورهن الجوائز والشهادات التكريمية مع عادل ساجان، نتين ميراني، ريهام محروس، سميرا أرورا، تشيراج ساجار، ألكسندر فانت ريت، فيني بينجمين، مها علي وغيرهم.

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بعيدًا عن سنة 2020 وبكل أحداثها، هل أنت متفائل بسنة 2021؟

التفاؤل أمر ضروري لابد منه، يجب علينا دائمًا أن نتفاءل ونتجنب التشاؤم. يجب أن نأمل بأن غدًا أجمل، عام *2020* كانت صعبة على الجميع، ومع بداية *2021* كان هناك خوف كبير إلا أننا يجب أن نتوكل على الله ونأمل أن كل الأمور تُصبح على خير ما يُرام.

ما هو أول ما تركز عليه عندما تبدأ بتسجيل أغنية جديدة؟

بطبيعة الحال، أفكر بالكلمات واللحن، كما أنني أفكر بالناس وكيف ستكون ردة فعلهم، هل سيحبونها أم لا، هل سيفضلون هذا النوع من الأغاني أم لا.

نوع الفن الأقرب لقلبك؟

الأغاني الرومانسية والطربية، أكثر أنواع الأغاني التي أحبها واستمتع بها.

السبب وراء أن حصة كبيرة من الأغاني التي قدمتها كانت أغاني الطرب والزمن الجميل؟

السبب الأول هو أني أحب هذه الأغاني، أما السبب الثاني فهو أني كبرت وأنا استمع لهذه الأغاني، فالأغاني الطربية نجحت بتملك أحاسيسي ومشاعري.

أي من مغنيين الزمن الجميل كنت تتمنى أن تشارك معه المسرح؟

بكل تأكيد الراحل ملك المشاعر عبد الحليم حافظ.

أعمالك القادمة؟

أغنية وفيديو كليب بعنوان (ولا في الأحلام) من إخراج فادي حداد وإنتاج لايف ستايلز استوديوز.

كيف تقضي وقت فراغك؟

مع الأهل والأصدقاء، ومع زوجتي وأطفالي، كنت أحب السفر ولكن بسبب كورونا، لم يعد هذا الخيار مُتاحًا كثيرًا.

الكثير من المغنيين اتجهوا للتمثيل أيضًا، بجانب ظهورك في فيلم 365 يوم سعادة، هل تخطط الدخول إلى عالم التمثيل؟

لا، هذه الفكرة غير واردة على الإطلاق.

أكثر أغنية تُحبها؟

أحب كل أغانيي، مثل غريبة الناس، بتوحشيني، بتوعدني ليه والكثير من الأغاني الأخرى.

أكثر مغني تُحب أغانيه؟

أي فنان يُقدم فن جميل أحب أغانيه.

لو لم تكن في المجال الفني، في أي مجال ممكن أن تكون؟

في مجال الطب.

إحساس، مشاعر وائل جسار

بينما نحتفل بعيد الحب في هذا العدد من مجلتنا، لا نستطيع أن نفكر بفنان آخر غنى للحب بكل أحاسيسه ومشاعره مثل الفنان وائل جسار. أغانيه تلك التي علمتنا العتاب مثل (بتوعدني ليه)، الشوق (خليني ذكرى)، وأحيانًا الغضب والرحيل (استقالة حبي)، بالإضافة إلى وصف مشاعر الغربة التي تعصف بنا وإن كنا بين من نحبهم في أغنية (غريبة الناس). أطربنا بصوته بأغانيه الخاصة وأغاني الزمن الجميل. حنان يحيى ملازم تتحدث مع وائل جسار عن التفاؤل، الطرب وأعماله القادمة. مقتطفات...

أخبرنا عن علاقتك بالفروسية؟

أنتمي إلى عائلة عاشقة للخيول، كان جدي مربي للخيول العربية وكنت دائمًا أتشوق لزيارة جدي ليأخذني في جولة في عالم الخيول. لطالما حلمت بأن أمتلك خيلًا عربيًا والحمدلله حلمي أصبح حقيقة بل وأكبر، فأنا أمتلك مربطاً فيه أكثر 30 فرس وخيل عربي من خيرة الخيول العربية في العالم.

لماذا اخترت الفروسية من بين باقي الهوايات والرياضات الأخرى؟

قصة الحب بيني وبين الخيول والفروسية بشكل عام بدأت منذ صغري كما ذكرت، لدرجة أني أعتقد أن هذا الحب وراثي. إضافة إلى ذلك للخيول معزة خاصة في قلبي وليس فقط لجمالها أو متعة تربيتها إنما أيضا مكانتها المميزة في ديننا الإسلام حيث يُنسب لأفضل الأنبياء و المرسلين لنبينا محمد صلى الله عليه و سلم عدة أحاديث نبوية يذكر فيها مدى حبه للخيول العربية وأهمية تربيتها حيث اعتاد القول أن الخيل في نواصيها الخير والبركة، وأنا أؤمن أن أحد أسباب مباركة الله في أعمالي وحياتي هو سبب تربيتي للخيول، ففي قول الرسول صلى الله عليه وسلم "الْخَيْلُ مَعْقُودٌ فِي نَوَاصِيهَا الْخَيْرُ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ، الْأَجْرُ وَالْمَغْنَمُ" ونحن نسعى لنمشي على ممشاه ونقتدي في هداه.

ماذا عن عروض جمال الخيل؟

صدر قرار إقامة مسابقات الجمال للخيل العربي في الخمسينات، وكل سنة، تبدأ العديد من المسابقات في العالم والتي يشترك بها فقط الخيول من الأصل العربي، تُقام المسابقات الرئيسية في أمريكا، أمريكا اللاتينية، أوروبا والشرق الاوسط.

أخبرنا شيئًا لا نعرفه عن الأحصنة؟

في الحقيقة، توجد الكثير من الأمور التي لا نعرفها عن الخيول ولا زلنا نكتشفها. فعلى سبيل المثال، الحصان الأبيض لا يولد أبيض اللون، فهو يولد بعدة ألوان وعلى مر الوقت بتغيير شيئاً فشيئاً حتى يصبح باللون الابيض، ومن الممكن ان يولد بعدة ألوان منها الرمادي والبني ويتغير مع الوقت، عادتاً بعمر الستة سنوات يصبح أبيض بشكل كامل، والحصان الاسود لا يولد أسود بل يولد باللون الرمادي.

كيف تساهم في تطوير هذه الرياضة وتعزيزها في المجتمع الاماراتي؟

يُعرف المجتمع الاماراتي بمجتمع محب للخيول عامة والعربية خاصة، حيث للإمارات دور مهم في معظم مسابقات الخيول العالمية، نحن بدورنا نأمل ان يلهم ما يفعله مربط الشيخ من إنجازات على تحفيز الجيل الشاب بالانضمام لهذه الرياضة، والمساعدة على تطويرها وتعزيزها لدى الشعب الاماراتي.

كلمنا عن طبيعة علاقة الفارس بالخيل؟ عادة ما تكون علاقة خاصة جدا هل ممكن أن تشرحها لنا؟

منذ صغري وأنا أتدرب وأمارس هواية ركوب الخيل وفي فترة لاحقة تدربت على قفز الحواجز والدرساج، و إلى يومنا هذا كلما أحسست في ضيق والحاجة إلى تنقية تفكيري وتفريغ طاقتي، يكون خيار إمضاء وقتي مع أحصنتي هو الخيار الأول، إن إمضاء الوقت مع خيولي بعيدًا عن عالم البشر وضغوطات الحياة يمدني بطاقات ايجابية، لاحظت أن ضغوطات الحياة وصخب الواقع ينسينا ويبعدنا كل البعد عن تخصيص وقت لنفسنا، حتى عند مشاركتنا في المسابقات ، فإن هذه المسابقات لا تتيح لنا الفرصة لأي تواصل مباشر ما بيننا حيث ان هذه المسابقات هي مسابقات جمال فقط. علاقة الحصان والخيّال هي أشبه بعلاقة الأب بابنه، حين يربي الأب ابنه فهو يعتني به ويحميه من كل مكروه، فيراه يكبر ويُصبح أقوى على مر السنوات، حتى يُصبحان يُشبهان بعضهم البعض، فتراهما كروحين في جسد واحد، وهذا حالي مع أحصنتي، أتصدقين لو قلب لكِ أنني أشعر به، وهو الاخر يستطيع تمييز وفهم لغة جسدي. ■

في حضرة جمال الأحصنة

في العالم عامة وفي الشرق الأوسط خاصة، نجد حبًا كبيرًا ومعزة للأحصنة وجمالها. في الكثير من الدول العربية وخاصة في دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة نرى القصائد تُكتب تغزلًا بجمال الأحصنة ومسابقات الجمال ومسابقات قفز الحواجز وغيرها من الفعاليات المخصصة للأحصنة ومُحبيها. حنان يحيى ملازم في مقابلة مع محمد الشيخ سليمان، بطل العالم الذهبي للخيول العربية الأصيلة والذي يؤمن أن حب الفروسية لديه وراثة. مقتطفات...

FOR HIM

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PARIS

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ARMANI EXCHANGE

MONT BLANC

GICCI

Be my Valentine

UNCOMMON GOODS

VISCONTI

MULBERRY

LOUIS VUITTON

25 AUG
10:24
MICHAEL KORS

MICHAEL KORS

Victoria's Secret
Forbidden Berries
VICTORIA'S SECRET

VICTORIA'S SECRET

Maison
Francis Kurkdjian
Paris
Baccarat
Rouge 540
Extrait de parfum

MAISON FRANCIS

UNCOMMON GOOD

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STRATHBERY

MESSIKA

CHANNEL

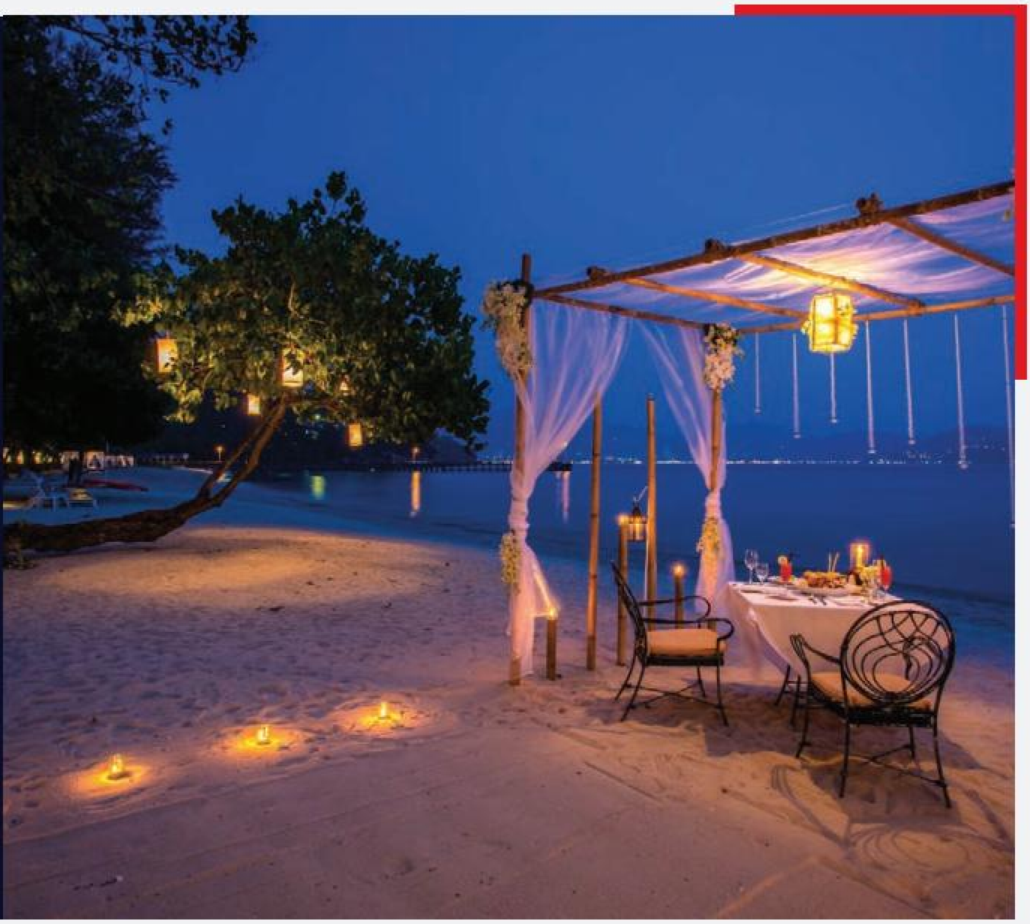
MALONE SOULIERS

FOR HER

الرومانسية في أجواء دبي

أهم ما يميز عيد الحب في الإمارات، أن في شهر فبراير يكون الجو معتدل ذو نسمات ربيعية تجعل من التخطيط لعشاء رومانسي تحت النجوم هي الفكرة الأجمل! الكثير من الناس يخططون لعشاء رومانسي على رمال الشاطئ أو من تجهيز طاولة عشاء شهية مزينة ببتلات الورود.

بعض هذه الأماكن هي شاطئ برج العرب، القدرة أو حتى لاف لايك (بحيرة الحب) التي تقع في القدرة. في ظل هذه الجائحة، أصبح الناس يذهبون إلى الأماكن المفتوحة للاحتفال بالمناسبات مثل أعياد الميلاد وعيد الحب. إلا أننا نستطيع أن نحتفل بالحب اليوم وكل يوم، ولكن عشاء مميز في ليلة كهذه ومكان كهذا سيضيف جرعة رومانسية لا تُنسى!

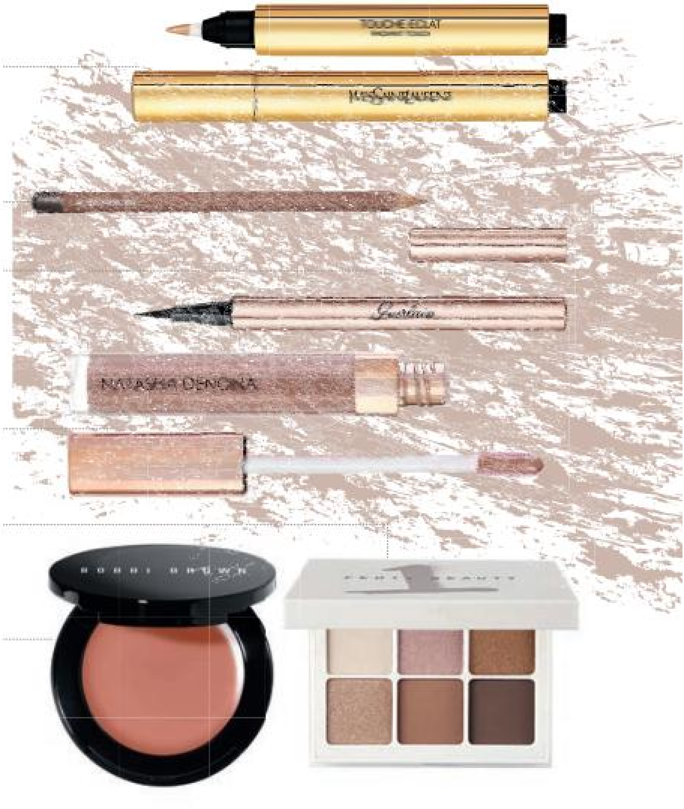


الإطلالة الأولى

إن كنتِ من محبات الإطلالات الناعمة، نقترح لكِ إطلالة الماكياج هذه بألوان هادئة وأحمر شفاه وردي اللون. هذه الإطلالة مُناسبة جدًا إن كان فستانكِ ناعم والقليل من التفاصيل. كما يُميز هذا الماكياج أنه يبرز ملامح الوجه وأيضًا من السهل جدًا تطبيقه، كل ما تحتاجينه هو لون ظلال عيون فاتح مع تدرجات الألوان البنية والوردية الفاتحة، ماسكار لإبراز جمال العينين وآيلاينر لتحديد العيون. استخدام الهايلايتر ستكون إضافة جميلة جدًا ومفعمة بالأنوثة حيث يُمنكك استخدامه عند مدمع العينين وفوق عظمتي الخد بالإضافة إلى الأنف والشفاه.

الإطلالة الثانية

إن كنتِ من مُحبات الماكياج الجريء الدرامي، فهذه الإطلالة المثالية لعيد الحب استعدادً لعشاء رومانسي في مكان فخم في دبي! هذه الإطلالة تتجه إلى ظلال العيون الداكنة من البني والأسود وأحمر شفاه قاتم ورسمة عيون عريضة. للحصول على هذه الإطلالة بالشكل الذي تتمنيه، من الأفضل أن تستعيني بخبيرة ماكياج للحصول على الإطلالة المثالية مع دمج ظلال العيون بأفضل طريقة ممكنة. في هذه الإطلالة، يُمكنكِ استخدام الهايلاتير على عظمتي الخد ولكن تجنبي استخدامه مع ظلال العيون الداكن.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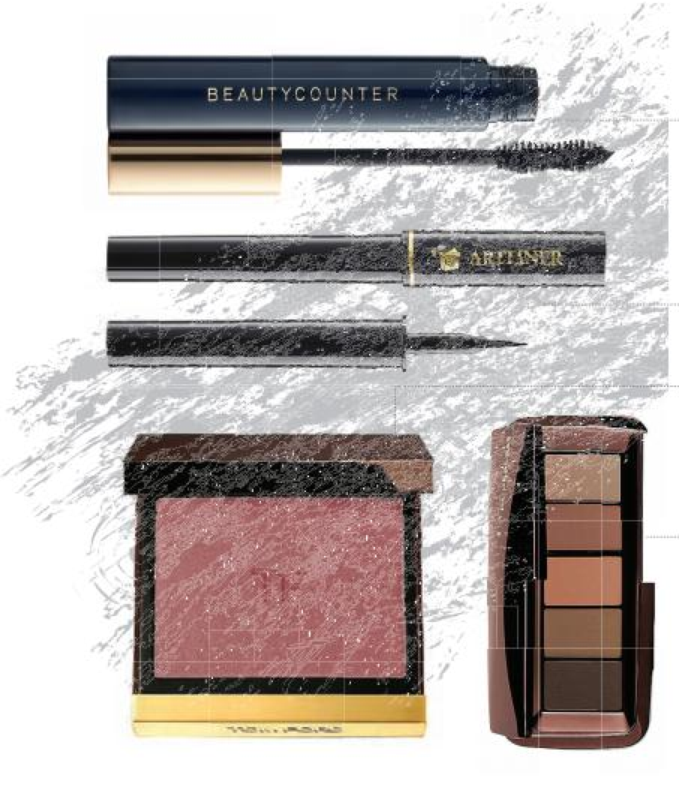
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علمتِ نفسكِ بنفسكِ ولكنكِ تعرضتِ للتنمر، كيف تشعرين الآن؟

شعور رائع يغمرك عندما تحقق أحلامك بعد الإصرار والمثابرة. قد أكون المثل الأعلى لشخص يعمل على تحقيق أحلامه وبدوره يُحاول أن يكون مصدر إلهام للكثير.

هل تؤمنين بحب النفس؟ ما أهمية حب النفس بالنسبةِ لكِ؟

إن حب النفس أهم ما يُمكن أن يمتلكه الشخص، هذا ما سيجعلك قوي، واثق وذو تفكير إيجابي، وهذا ما ستحتاج في رحلة سعيك لتحقيق أحلامك وترك انطباع إيجابي أينما ذهبت.

أخبرينا عن مشاعركِ المستقبلية، ستعملين مع أجاي ديفجان في *Bhuj*.

أنا متحمسة جدًا لتمثيلي في دور قوي في فيلم *India Bhuj The Pride of*. هذه فرصة رائعة لكل جمهوري لمشاهدتي ومشاهدة مهاراتي في التمثيل والتحدث. دور قوي وذا تأثير كبير وحقًا ممتنة لثقتهم بي. لهذا العمل تأثير إيجابي كبير علي كممثلة وكفنانة.

الفكاهة من أبرز العناصر في المحتوى الذي تقدمينه، كم يعني لكِ الأمر أن تدفعي الناس للضحك؟

هذا ما يُميزني، استمتع بأن ادفع الناس للضحك ومعرفة ماذا يُحب جمهوري. أعيش لأصنع ابتسامة على وجوههم. لا يستطيع الكثير من الناس النجاح بإضحاك الآخرين ولذلك أنا محظوظة كوني امتلك هذه الموهبة.

أغنية من العام الماضي ترغبين بتصميم رقصة عليها من أجلك؟

لا أستطيع اختيار واحدة، ولكن أستطيع القول كل أغاني السيدة هيلين!

هل أنتِ من محبات الأفلام، ماذا تشاهدين هذه الفترة؟

الأمر يعتمد على مزاجي، بلا شك أحب مشاهدة الأفلام ولكني أكتشف الكثير من المحتوى الأجنبي والهندي من خلال مسلسلات الويب.

هل تطهين الطعام، هل تستمتعين بتناول الطعام؟

أحب أن أطهي الطعام وتجربة وصفات وأطباق جديدة وخاصة الطعام الغربي!

ما الذي تتناولينه في يومكِ المفتوح؟

ليس لدي يوم مفتوح، دائمًا آكل ما أرغب به ولا أمنع نفسي!

طهيت الطعام مع الشيف الشهير بوراك، هل أنتِ من محبات الطعام؟

كان تصرفًا لطيفًا من الشيف بوراك أن يدعوني لمطعمه، كانت متعة كبيرة لي! أنا أستمتع بتناول الطعام كما أن أبي هو شيف محترف بحد ذاته، لذلك نعم أنا استمتع بتناول الطعام. ■

> حب النفس أهم ما يُمكن أن يمتلكه الشخص، هذا ما سيجعلك قوي، واثق وذو تفكير إيجابي، وهذا ما ستحتاج في رحلة سعيك لتحقيق أحلامك وترك انطباع إيجابي أينما ذهبت.

كيف ساعدكِ الرقص بالتغلب على الفشل؟

الرقص سيكون دائمًا وسيلة أعبر بها عن نفسي، لأصل إلى أعماقي ولأبقي ثقتي وأنوثتي. الرقص دائمًا يُذكرني بما أنا قادرة على فعله كفنانة، عزز طموحي وشغفي خلال رحلتي هذه. لدي مهمة ولن أدع أي شيء يقف في طريقي.

تتحدثين اللغة الهندية بطلاقة، ما هو العامل السحري في التحدث بلغة ليست بلغتك الأم؟

الأمر الأول هو حب واحترام اللغة، سيساعدك ذلك على التعلم بكل إيجابية. كنت واثقة ومؤمنة بنفسي إلى أعلى درجة بغض النظر عن كل العقبات وكم كانت تبدو مرحلة التعلم هذه صعبة. جزء مني كان متحمسًا لإضافة ميزة جديدة لشخصيتي، منحني ذلك الثقة لأجعل من اسمي معروفًا في بلد ووسط فني كانا غريبين عني، عرفت أني سأكسب احترام الوسط الفني والجمهور لتعلمي اللغة.

هل كونكِ تتحدثين بعدة لغات يجعل طريقة تفكيركِ أكثر إبداعًا؟

بالطبع يساعدني في ذلك، كما أنه يساعدني على التنوع والتواصل مع الجمهور بشكل عالي. يستطيع الكثير من الجمهور أن ينتموا لي كفنانة، حيث ليس فقط جنوب آسيا تستطيع مشاهدتي بل أيضًا الشرق الأوسط، جنوب أفريقيا وجمهور الغرب وأوروبا. وهذا الهدف الأول والأهم بالنسبة لي.

كل حركاتكِ الراقصة تم تلقيدها، نشرها ومشاركتها بشكل كبير، كيف تخططين لرقصاتك القادمة؟

في كل رقصة، أبحث عن حركة سيتذكرها الجميع، كما أنني أبحث عن حركة من ناحية الجمال، قوة الرقصة وطاقتها في نفس الوقت.

مثلما يكتبون الأدوار وبعض الممثلين في بالهم، هل تتم كتابة الأغاني وتصميمها وأنتِ في بالهم؟

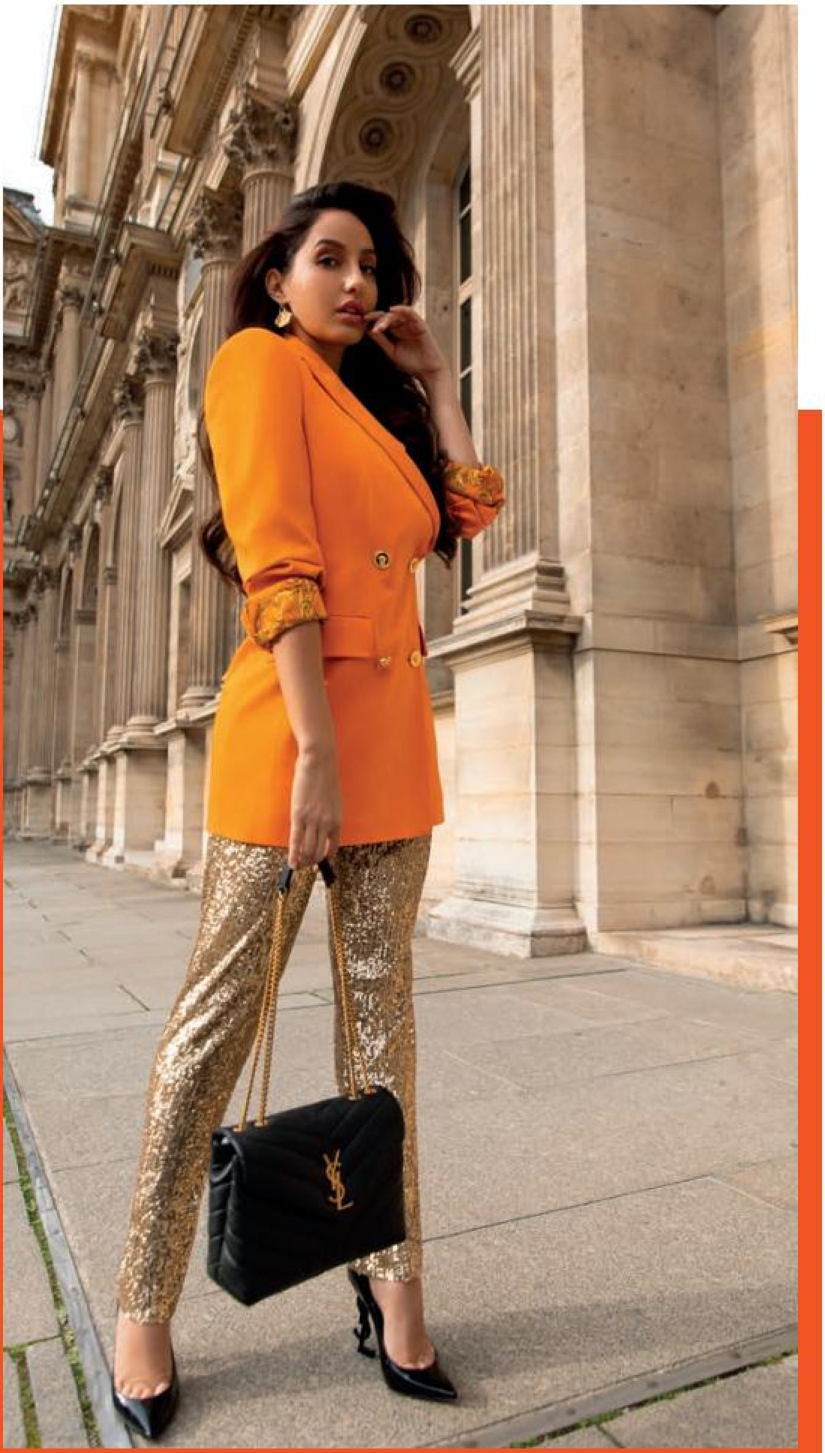
أعتقد ذلك! أشعر بذلك يحدث. هذا لشرف لي أن يفكر بي شخص ما عندما تُكتب أغنية جديدة أو تُصمم. هذا احترام مُنح لفنانة والذي سأقدره دائمًا ولن آخذه على إطلاق كأمر مُسلم به.

كنت في الثامنة من عمركِ عندما رغبتي أن تبدئي بالتمثيل، الرقص والغناء وحاربتِ عائلتكِ من أجل تحقيق أحلامك، كيف ترين هذا اليوم؟

شعور جميل أن تكون مصدر إلهام للكثير من الناس، أن تكون دافع لملايين الناس من حول الحالم ليؤمنوا بأنفسهم ويلاحقوا أحلامهم. كل ما رغبت به هو أن أضع بصمتي في التاريخ وأن أمثل هويتي في وسط فني مشهور عالميًا مثل بوليوود وفي نفس الوقت أصل إلى الوسط الفني العربي.

أي من الأفلام شاهدتها عائلتكِ وأحبتها؟

عائلتي شاهدت أغلب أفلام شاروخان وأميتاب باتشان، أذكر أني كبرت معهم.



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نورة فتحي

هل أنتِ في دبي من أجل أن تعلم رقصات جديدة؟

لا لست في دبي من أجل ذلك، بل أنا هنا من أجل جلسات التصوير العالمية والمقابلات التي لدي، وفي نفس الوقت من أجل حضور السوشيال نايت الخاصة بفيلم فير الشرق الأوسط وإطلاق غلافي الخاص بالعدد القادم من المجلة.

في هذه المرحلة من نجوميتك، ما الذي يجذبك في القصة؟

ما يجذبني في قصة هو جوهر المحتوى وتنوع المشاعر التي تحملها القصة. بالنسبة لي، المشاعر مهمة جدًا، والتواصل مع الجمهور من خلال هذا الرابط هو المفتاح.

جعلتي الرقص في بوليوود يُشبه الفن، كم كان من المهم بالنسبة لكِ هذا الأمر؟

لطالما كان الرقص نوع من أنواع الفن بل وأساس في بوليوود، ما قمت به ببساطة هو تذكير الناس بأهمية الرقص. الرقص جزء من هويتي كفنانة ولذلك من المهم جدًا بالنسبة لي أن أعرض جمال هذه الموهبة والاحتفال بها مع العالم.

مسيرتك الفنية في بوليوود تعرضت لنجاح وفشل، كيف تعاملتي مع الفشل؟

الفشل أمر محتوم لا مفر منه، وتعلمت ذلك ليست في مسيرتي الفنية فقط، بل في الحياة بشكل عام. الفشل يأتي مع النجاح، وعند تعلمك تقبل الرفض والفشل ستعرف معنى القبول والنجاح. الفشل مهم جدًا لكي لا تأخذ النجاح على أنه أمر مُسلم به.

تُذهلهم جميعًا خطوة بخطوة

شغوفة، شجاعة، مُلهمة، مُكافحة... نورة فتحي جاهزة من أجل جعل العالم يتوقف عن الدوران!

ضحكتها ومرحها كطفلة يأسرك، نظرتها ووقفتها كسيدة تجعل الوقف يقف للحظة، طاقة وحماس على المسرح، وأشبه بالإعصار على الشاشة. الفنانة ذات الجمال المغربي الكندي أذهلت الجميع كما قام الجميع بتقليد حركاتها الراقصة في أغانيها وأفلامها. لكن، الأمور لم تكن دائمًا رائعة كما هي اليوم، ففي يومٍ من الأيام، تعرضت نورة فتحي للكثير من الإهانة من قِبل أحد مخرجين الممثلين لكونها أجنبية وتُحاول تحقيق نجاح في بوليوود، كما أنه سخر من عدم قدرتها للتحدث بالهندية، مهارتها في التمثيل بل ومهاراتها في الرقص. بثبات عملت نورة على كل نقاط ضعفها وحولتها إلى نقاط قوة. من فتاة لا تعلم شيئًا عندما دخلت مومباي عن العالم الكبير السيء، عملت بكل ما لديها من قوة لتُصبح ما هي عليه اليوم، نجحت بأن تصل إلى شاشات السينما وإلى قلوبنا. مانجو رمانان في حوار مع الفتاة التي تلمع عيناها شغفًا وتُضيء روحها حماسًا، مع فتاة غلاف مجلتنا، نورة فتحي!

أبلة فاهيتا على منصة نتفليكس قريبًا

جمهور أبلة فاهيتا لا يقل عن أي قاعدة جمهورية أخرى في الوسط الفني، فهي تجمع بين الجراءة وخفة الدم مع الأناقة بلا شك! وكونها دمية – سوري يا أبلة فاهيتا – فهي لا تخشى الانتقادات البشرية التي قد تطالها بسبب جرأتها وعدم خوفها من قول الحقيقة دون تجميلها ولو قليلًا! ومن فترة ليست بالقليلة بدأنا نسمع عن تعاون أبلة فايهتا ونيتفلكس من أجل عمل درامي يتألف من ستة حلقات فقط ومن المفترض عرضه في المنتصف من العام الجاري، سيتم عرضه بأكثر من 20 لغة لجعل العالم يتعرف على الحس الفكاهي العربي. العمل من إخراج خالد مرعي وتأليف أبلة فاهيتا، كما يُشارك في العمل أبناء أبلة فاهيتا من الدمى (كارو وبودي) ومن الممثلين باسم سمرة، دنيا ماهر وأسامة عبدالله.

أصالة وشيرين عبدالوهاب

تستعدا النجمتين أصالة وشيرين عبدالوهاب لإحياء حفل غنائي سويًا على مسرح المجاز في الشارقة، ويُذكر أنه الحفل الغنائي المباشر الأول لشيرين عبدالوهاب بعد جائحة كورونا، ومن المقرر أن تبدأ النجمتين في الفقرات التدريبية الأسبوع القادم.

دموع أحمد زاهر

نشرت الممثلة المصرية ملك أحمد زاهر صورة لوالدها الفنان أحمد زاهر خلال تصويره لها في أحد مشاهدها وكانت من اكثر الصور انتشارًا على مواقع التواصل الاجتماعي، أما ملك، فحققت نجاحًا كبيرًا في هذا المسلسل وأشاد الكثير من الناس بمهاراتها التمثيلية، حيث أصبحت "التريند" الأول بعد مشهد موتها في أحداث مسلسل "لؤلؤ".

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البيوتين للشعر: هل يمنع تساقط الشعر؟

كان استخدام البيوتين للشعر شائعًا منذ سنوات عديدة نظرًا لفوائده وصفاته؛ هو نوع من فيتامين ب يشيع استخدامه في العلاجات التجميلية لعلاج مشاكل مثل التهاب الجلد أو الأظافر الضعيفة والشعر.

هل البيوتين جيد لنمو الشعر؟

البيوتين، المعروف أيضًا باسم فيتامين $B7$ (وفيتامين H سابقًا) ، هو فيتامين قابل للذوبان مرتبط بالكربوهيدرات والدهون والأحماض الأمينية وأيض البيورينات، كما أنه يدعم الدورة الدموية ونمو الشعر، لذلك فإن البيوتين لن يسمح لنا فقط بالحصول على فروة رأس صحية ومغذية بشكل جيد، بل سيوفر أيضًا القوة والمرونة لشعرنا، مما يجعله لامعًا أيضًا.

بمجرد أن نعرف فوائد البيوتين لتساقط الشعر ولتعزيز النمو، يصبح من السهل أيضًا استنتاج أن نقص هذا الفيتامين الأساسي سيكون له عواقب على شعرنا، والذي سيصبح أكثر نعومة وهشاشة وباهتًا وبلا حياة. بالإضافة إلى ذلك، يتساقط الشعر أكثر ويتباطأ نموه. هذا هو سبب أهمية وجود هذا الفيتامين في نظامنا الغذائي.

إذن، أين يمكن أن نجده؟

بشكل أساسي في الأطعمة ذات الأصل الحيواني مثل اللحوم أو الأسماك أو صفار البيض؛ ولكن أيضًا في منتجات الخضروات مثل الفطر والسبانخ والبروكلي والحبوب الكاملة والبذور والمكسرات ... إذا لم نتمكن لأي سبب من تناول أي من هذه الأطعمة، أو لم نأكل كمية كافية ، فهناك أيضًا خيار تناول البيوتين أقراص للشعر.

عادة ما تباع مكملات البيوتين للشعر في كبسولات وتتضمن إضافات أخرى للشعر، مثل الكولاجين أو حمض الهيالورونيك، ومع ذلك، نظرًا لانتشار هذا النوع من الحبوب والمكملات، يجب أن نحذرك من مخاطر تناولها دون إشراف أخصائي؛ إذا لم يكن الأمر كذلك، فيمكننا تجاوز الحد الأقصى للجرعة اليومية الموصى بها - والتي تبلغ 30 ميكروغرام لدى النساء البالغات (ميكروغرام) في اليوم - وبعد ذلك ستظهر آثار جانبية.

هل هناك أي آثار جانبية؟

على الرغم من أن فوائد البيوتين معروفة جيدًا، إلا أنه من المهم أيضًا أن نعرف المخاطر والآثار الجانبية للبيوتين لنمو الشعر إذا تجاوزنا الحد الأقصى للجرعة الموصى بها، والتي تشمل:

الغثيان (خاصة خلال المراحل الأولى).

مشاكل المعدة والإسهال

ردود الفعل التحسسية (بما في ذلك تورم الوجه والحلق والطفح الجلدي على الجسم، إلخ)

ظهور حب الشباب في الجزء السفلي من الوجه

زيادة خطر الإجهاض عند النساء الحوامل

هل من المقبول وضع البيوتين على شعرك؟

ضع في اعتبارك أنه كما أن الإفراط في تناول البيوتين له آثاره الجانبية، فإن نقص البيوتين له أيضًا عواقب على أجسامنا - الطفح الجلدي والهلوسة والاكتئاب ... - وكما أظهرت الدراسات العلمية ، فإنه يتسبب أيضًا في إضعاف الشعر وتصبغه.

إلى جانب ذلك، قد يكون من المستحسن في بعض المرضى - دائمًا تحت إشراف طبي - تناول جرعات أعلى من البيوتين ، لأنه قد يوفر لهم فوائد أخرى مثل:

- تحسين حالة الأشخاص الذين يعانون من مرض التصلب العصبي المتعدد (MS)
- الحد من آلام الأعصاب لدى مرضى السكري
- انخفاض مستويات السكر في الدم لدى مرضى السكري (إذا تم دمجها مع الكروم)
- انخفاض في تقلصات العضلات الناتجة عن غسيل الكلى

تقصير من الحالة العقلية المتغيرة ونوبات مشاكل التحكم في الحركة في المرضى الذين يعانون من خلل في العقد القاعدية (إذا تم دمجها مع الثيامين)

بشكل عام، يعتبر استخدام البيوتين للشعر آمنًا في العلاجات التجميلية إذا تم تناوله بالجرعة الموصى بها وتحت إشراف طبي، في مركز أمريكان استيتيك الطبي نحن متخصصون في جميع أنواع علاجات الشعر ولدينا الفريق الطبي الأكثر مهارة وخبرة. اطلب استشارتك الآن!

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إشاعات & أكثر

أكشاي كومار يُقدم تخفيضًا من أجل فيلم *BACHCHAN PANDEY*

من المعروف أن أكشاي كومار من أغلى الممثلين في بوليوود، إلا أن الممثل قدم سعرًا مخفضًا لصديقه سجاد ناديادوالا بسبب الجائحة الحالية. الممثل وافق على 99 كرور بينما في العادة يصل أجره إلى *120* أو *110* كرور، ولأن كلاهما، أكشاي كومار وسجاد نادياوالا يؤمنان بالرقم 9 فاتفقا على مبلغ فيه تسعتين. بطولة فيلم *Bachchan Panday*، كيرتي سانون، جاكولين فيرنانديز وأرشاد وارسي ومن إخراج فرهاد سامجي. أكشاي كومار يلعب دور رئيس عصابات مرعب والذي يرغب أن يصبح ممثل. من أفلام أكشاي كومار الأخرى: *Sooryavanshi، Atrangi Re، Bell Bottom ،Raksha Bandhan ،Prithviraj Ram Setu* و*Housefull 5*. بالفعل لديه الكثير والكثير من الأفلام.

ريدهيما ووالدتها نيتو كابور، عليا بهات ورانبير كابور

مُحبي السفر

نجومنا سئموا من المنزل والتقاط صورهم بين جدرانه، ولذلك قرروا ارتداء ملابس السفر والاستمتاع بوقتهم خلال وقت العطلة. رانبير كابور سافر إلى جايبور ومن ثم إلى رانثمبور برفقة صديقته عليا بهات، شقيقته ريدهيما ووالدته نيتو كابور. رانفير سينغ وديبيكا بادكون انضما إليهم هناك وقضوا وقتًا ممتعًا.

رانفير سينغ وديبيكا بادكون

أكشاي كومار سيمثل في دورين مزدوجين في مشروع خيال علمي

أخبرناكم للتو أن لأكشاي كومار الكثير من المشاريع في جدول أعماله، ولكن في الحقيقة، يبدو أنه منشغل أكثر مما نتوقع، حيث أنه هناك أخبار عن مشروع خدع بصرية في مجال الخيال علمي. حسب آخر التقارير، سيكون في فيلم خيال علمي من نفس مخرج فيلم *Mission Mangal* جاجان شاكتي. مصدر مقرب من العمل صرح: "بعد إخراج فيلم *Mission Manga*، كان من السهل لجاجان شاكتي أن يضم أكشاي كومار لمغامرته الجديدة. طور شاكتي وكومار علاقة عمل مثمرة، ولذلك أن يكون شاكتي مخرج العمل الجديد هو قرار صائب. بشكل مثير للاهتمام، هذا الفيلم سيعرض أكشاي كومار في دورين مزدوجين، وفي هذه النقطة لا توجد أي معلومة عن الدورين، ولكن لابد من قول أن الدورين الذين سيلعبهما أكشاي كورما ستجعل الجمهور متحمس" . أكشاي في دور مزدوج يعني متعة مزدوجة.

كيارا أدفاني ستمُثل في فيلم *KARRAM KURRAM* من إخراج أشوتوش جواريكير

يبدو أن أفلام السيرة الذاتية هي الأفلام التي تُطلب بشكل أكبر هذه الأيام، والممثلة التي ستبدأ في فيلم السيرة الذاتية هي النجمة المتألقة كيارا أدفاني. تم اختيارها كممثلة رئيسية في فيلم السيرة الذاتية *KARRAM KURRAM* ويتحدث عن حياة ربات البيوت اللواتي بدأن *LIJJAT PAPAD*. الفيلم من إنتاج أشوتوش جواريكير وسيتصمن كيارا في دور بعيد عن الأناقة والبذخ للمرة الأولى. متشوقون جدًا لمشاهدة الفيلم.

تمثال ديبيكا بادكون سيعرض في مطار أثينا

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